Books we shared today:

**Tap the Magic Tree**
by
Christie Matheson

**Beep Beep Piip Piip**
by
Petr Horáček

**Don't Wake Up the Tiger**
by
Britta Teckentrup

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Reading Readiness Tips:

*Tap the Magic Tree* contains the sequence of the seasons from spring to spring again. Sequencing is a reading comprehension strategy, which is important for the development of narrative skills. This ability develops more fully at four years of age, but can be introduced earlier.

The onomatopoeia in the book *Beep Beep Piip Piip* helps to scaffold language development in young children, as research shows that children understand onomatopoeia has meaning before they understand that conventional words have meaning. For instance, older babies have the ability to associate “bark” with the correct animal before associating the word “dog” with that same animal. *Incorporating these 2 practices into your routine will help children be more...

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**I Can Hear the Animals**

Well I went to a farm,  
I visited today,  
To meet some of the animals  
And to hear just what they say.  
Oh yes I can hear the animals,  
Oh yes I can hear the animals  
Oh yes I can hear the animals,  
Here’s an animal right now!  
(Moo Moo)  
Who could it be?
A cow, a cow a cow goes moo.  
(add animals and animal noises as you choose)

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Pennsylvania Core Standards—English Language Arts

Foundations Skills: CC.1.1.PK.A, B, C, D

Reading Informational Text: CC.1.2.PK.A, B, C, E, F, G, I, J, K


Writing: CC.1.4.PK.M, O, P

Speaking & Listening: CC.1.5.PK.A, B, C, D, E, G

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<td><em>I Really Want to See You Grandma</em></td>
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<td>A book to get your kids moving their bodies, can present selections of movement in sequence like a dance as well.</td>
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Additional Activities

**Conversation to have this month**

**Recommendations for Children’s Media Use**

These last few years have seen an unprecedented shift in the use of technology with young children. Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh follows recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) surrounding children’s media use. Some highlights that may be helpful for your families:

- For children under 18 months, interactive technology such as video-chatting is best.
- At age 2, limiting screen time to one hour a day is best, and co-viewing media with children can help capitalize the learning through conversation.
- AAP offers a tool to develop a Family Media Use Plan found at [www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org).

**Cognitive Development**

**Animal Puzzles**

- Cardboard
- Printed pictures of animals of images
- Glue
- Scissors

Cut cardboard into pieces about 5”x5”. Glue images to the cardboard pieces, then when dry cut the pieces in half. You can cut some horizontally, diagonally and vertically. Mix up the pieces and have children take turns trying to put an animal puzzle together. This could also work as a station. You can make several sets relating to unit themes or to books your class reads.

**Art**

**Circle Prints**

- Tempera paint
- Plates to pour point on
- Paper for printing

This is very much a process-art activity, so this could be done on individual pieces of paper or on a big piece of butcher paper taped to a table. Pour paint into each plate, give toddlers a paper tube, and encourage them to make circle prints. You could also cut out each child’s initial from the final product. [https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/easy-toddler-shapes-activity-paper-tubes/](https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/easy-toddler-shapes-activity-paper-tubes/).