**Best Books of 2012 Resources**

**Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Building** by Christy Hale


**Books**
- Building a House by Byron Barton
- Machines at Work by Byron Barton
- One Big Building: A Counting Book About Construction by Michael Dahl
- Alphabet Under Construction by Denise Fleming
- Tip Tip, Dig Dig by Emma Garcia
- How a House is Built by Gail Gibbons
- Construction Zone by Tana Hoban
- I'm Dirty! by Kate and Jim McMullan
- Hush Little Digger by Ellen Olson-Brown
- Construction Countdown by K.C. Olson
- Toolbox Twins by Lola Schaefer
- B is for Bulldozer: A Construction ABC by June Sobel
- This is the House That Jack Built by Simms Taback
- Digger Man by Andrea Zimmerman and David Clemesha

**Stack the Blocks By Deborah J. Stewart**
- *The Ants Go Marching In*
  
  We stack the blocks one-by-one
  Hurrah! Hurrah!
  We stack the blocks one-by-one
  Hurrah! Hurrah!
  We stack the blocks one-by-one
  We are having so much fun
  Then they all go tumbling down – to the ground
  Boom, Boom, Boom!
  
  Repeat and change verses to two-by-two, three-by-three and so on...

**Have You Ever Seen a Circle?**
- *Have You Ever Seen a Lassie?*

  Have you ever seen a circle, a circle, a circle?
  Have you ever seen a circle, Which goes round and round?
  It rolls this way and that way,
  And that way and this way.
  Have you ever seen a circle, Which goes round and round?

**And Then It’s Spring** by Julie Fogliano, Illustrated by Erin E. Stead

Books
Mud by Mary Lyn Ray
Splish, Splash, Spring by Jan Carr
Hooray for Spring by Patricia Hubbell
The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
Inch by Inch: The Garden Song by David Mallett
Jasper’s Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth
Lenny in the Garden by Ken Wilson-Max
My Garden by Kevin Henkes
Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert

Insect Song
Wheels on the Bus
The firefly at night goes
Blink, blink, blink, Tap baby’s face
Blink, blink, blink,
Blink, blink, blink,
The firefly at night goes
Blink, blink, blink.
All through the town

Bees in the flowers go buzz, buzz, buzz. Tickle arms
Ants in the grass go march, march, march. March baby’s feet
Crickets in the leaves go chirp, chirp, chirp. Tickle baby’s stomach

Little Seed
Little seed in the ground
Crouch down on floor, hands covering head
Sitting so still
Stay crouching
Little seed will you sprout?
Yes, I will!
Jump up

The Beetle Book by Steve Jenkins

Books
The Very Clumsy Click Beetle by Eric Carle
The Beetle Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta
One Beetle Too Many: The Extraordinary Adventures of Charles Darwin by Kathryn Lasky
Beetle Bop by Denise Fleming

Beetle Coloring Page: http://coloringpages.me/beetle-coloring-pages/

Z is for Moose by Kelly Bingham and Paul O. Zelinsky
http://pinterest.com/kdlakids/alphabet/

Books
Old Black Fly by Jim Aylesworth
LMNO Peas by Keith Baker
Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel
Click Clack Quackity Quack by Doreen Cronin
Alphabet Under Construction by Denise Fleming
Racecar Alphabet by Brian Floca
E-mergency! by Tom Lichtenheld
Superhero ABC by Bob McLeod
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin
Creature ABC by Andrew Zuckerman

The Letter Bus:
Enlarge, color, cut out, and laminate a copy of the school bus pattern. Have a student lightly tape a letter card to the bus; then lead youngsters in singing the song shown. Repeat this rollicking tune several times with different cards!

The (D) on the bus says, “(d/,d/,d/,),
(d/,d/,d/,d/,d/,d/),”
The (D) on the bus says, “(d/,d/,d/)”
All the way to school!

Just Ducks! By Nicola Davies, Illustrated by Salvatore Rubbino

http://pinterest.com/kdlakids/ducks/

Books
Duck Skates by Lynne Berry
Duck, Duck, Goose by Tad Hills
Just Ducky by Kathy Mallat
Cold Little Duck, Duck, Duck by Lisa Westberg Peters
Duck Rabbit by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Have You Seen My Duckling by Nancy Tafuri
Duck Like to Swim by Agnes Verboven
Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell

Games
Follow the Mama Duck
Mama Duck Says
Duck Duck Goose

Oh, No! by Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann
Once There Was a Tiger
(Tune of Did You Ever See a Lassie?)
Oh once there was a tiger, a tiger, a tiger
Oh once there was a tiger
With black and orange stripes
He growled and growled
And growled and growled
Oh once there was a tiger
With black and orange stripes.

He hunted in the tall grass, the tall grass, the tall grass
He hunted in the tall grass to find all his food.
He hunted and hunted
And hunted and hunted
He hunted in the tall grass to find all his food.

Monkeys in a Tree
Five little monkeys swinging in a tree,
Teasing Mr. Tiger,
"You can't catch me!
You can't catch me!"
Along comes Mr. Tiger, as quiet as can be...
SNAP! (Tiger grabs monkey)
(Count down until all monkeys are gone)
No little monkeys swing in a tree.
I'd better watch out or he might catch me!

Boot and Shoe by Marla Frazee
Two Little Puppy Dogs
Two little puppy dogs
(hold up two fingers)
Lying in a heap,
(let two fingers fall down.)
Soft and Woolly
(pet two fingers with opposite hand.)
And fast asleep.
(lay hands against the side of your face and close eyes.)
Along came a pussycat
(hold up one finger from opposite hand and move toward the two little fingers.)
Creeping near,
“Meow”, She cried right in their ear.
Two little puppy dogs
(hold up two fingers)
After one cat,
Did you ever play tag like that? (point to the children)

A Puppy in a Fuddle
A puppy in a fuddle
In the middle of a puddle!
Will he wade to the left?
Will he wade to the right?
Will he stay in the middle?
Till the sun shines bright?
When the sun shines bright,
Will the puddle disappear?
Will the puppy in the middle
Give a great, big cheer?

Step Gently Out by Helen Frost and Rick Lieder

http://pinterest.com/kdlakids/insects/

Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! By Bob Barner
The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
I Love Bugs Emma Dodd
Beetle Bop by Denise Fleming
Sleepyhead Bear by Lisa Westburg Peters
Little Bea by Daniel Roode
Insect Song

*Wheels on the Bus*

The firefly at night goes  
Blink, blink, blink, Blink, blink, blink,  
Blink, blink, blink,  
The firefly at night goes  
Blink, blink, blink.  
All through the town  
Bees in the flowers go buzz, buzz, buzz.  
Ants in the grass go march, march, march.  
Crickets in the leaves go chirp, chirp, chirp.

*If You’re a Bug and You Know It*

If you’re a bee and you know it buzz like this: buzz! buzz!  
If you’re a bee and you know it buzz like this: buzz! buzz!  
If you’re a bee and you know it and you really want to show it  
If you’re a bee and you know it buzz like this: buzz! buzz!  
Grasshopper... Hop up and down  
Butterfly...Flap your wings

*Ocean Sunlight: How Tiny Plants Feed the Seas* by Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm

http://pinterest.com/kdlakids/fish/

**Books**

Rub-a-Dub-Sub by Linda Ashman  
Fish Wish by Bob Barner  
Hooray for Fish by Lucy Cousins  
Fish Eyes by Lois Ehlert  
Fish Had a Wish by Michael Garland  
Big Fish, Little Fish by Ed Heck  
Fish Swish Splash Dash by Suse MacDonald  
Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea by Jan Peck  
I’m the Biggest Thing in the Ocean by Kevin Sherry  
Ten Sly Piranhas by William Wise  
Ten Little Fish by Audrey Wood

*Waves in the Sea*

*Wheels on the Bus*
The waves on the sea go up and down,
[Raise and lower arms.]
Up and down, up and down,
The waves on the sea go up and down
All day long.
Additional Verses:
The shark in the sea goes snap snap snap..
[Clap your hands.]
The fish in the sea go swish swish swish..
[Swish back and forth.]
The boats in the sea go toot toot toot...
[Make blowing horn motion.]

Ten Sly Piranhas
Give each child ten goldfish crackers. Have them help you count down as you read Ten Sly Piranhas by eating the crackers one by one.

The World in Your Lunch Box: The Wacky History and Weird Science of Everyday Foods by Claire Camer and Sa Boothroyd

Find the Teen Cooking and Nutrition kit here:
http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/programs/Pages/KitBrowser.aspx

Dessert Contest
Have an Ice Cream Sundae Contest. Supply basic ice cream flavors and creative toppings and see who can create the most delicious sundae. Get some fun ideas here: http://www.serving-ice-cream.com/ice-cream-sundae.html

Sandwich Making Contest
You can supply ingredients and have participants create sandwiches using what you have on hand or have them bring in their sandwiches pre-made for judging. Spray gold paint on an empty (and cleaned) mustard or mayonnaise container for your trophy. Some easy cold sandwiches can be found here:
http://www.kraftrecipes.com/recipes/sandwich-recipes/cold-sandwiches.aspx
http://www.delish.com/recipes/cooking-recipes/easy-lunch-sandwiches#slide-1

Bagel Pizza “Donut Pizzas”
http://www.cooks.com/rec/view/0,1629,149162-226203,00.html

Mud Pie
Ingredients:
Instant chocolate pudding
Oreo cookies
Milk
Gummy worms
Directions: Mix instant chocolate pudding according to the directions on the package. The children help add the “dirt” (pudding mix) and “rain” (milk) to make “mud.” To make this part extra fun, I punch holes in a styrofoam bowl and when the children pour the milk into the bowl it drips like rain into the mixing bowl. The children help mix the mud with a spoon. Put 2 Oreos in a ziplock bag for each child to crush. Put the crushed Oreos in a clear punch cup, add a gummy worm and 3-4 spoonfuls of pudding.

Lemon Pie
You need a miniature graham cracker piecrust, disposable bowl and spoon. Put one spoonful of whipped topping, one spoonful of frozen lemonade concentrate, one spoonful of sweetened condensed milk into the bowl and mix. Scoop the mixture into the piecrust.

Fruit Kabobs
http://ourhouse.typepad.com/full_circle/2008/01/fruit-kabobs.html

Silly Pizza Song
Tune and video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRygDSPKQd4
ASL Dictionary: http://www.aslpro.com/cgi-bin/aslpro/aslpro.cgi

When I’m feeling hungry and I don’t feel like stopping
I think of silly pizzas with all my favorite toppings—

APPLES!
I like APPLES on my pizza, I like APPLE pizza please! Put the APPLES on my pizza, don’t forget the extra CHEESE!

CRACKERS!
I like CRACKERS on my pizza, I like CRACKER pizza please! Put the CRACKERS on the APPLES, put the APPLES on my pizza, don’t forget the extra CHEESE!

ICE CREAM!
I like ICE CREAM on my pizza, I like ICE CREAM pizza please! Put the ICE CREAM on the crackers, put the CRACKERS on the APPLES, put the APPLES on my pizza, don’t forget the extra CHEESE!

CEREAL!
I like CEREAL on my pizza, I like CEREAL pizza please! Put the CEREAL on the ICE CREAM, put the ICE CREAM on the CRACKERS, put the CRACKERS on the APPLES, put the APPLES on my pizza, don’t forget the extra CHEESE!

BREAD!
I like BREAD on my pizza, I like BREAD pizza please! Put the BREAD on the CEREAL, put the CEREAL on the ICE CREAM, put the ICE CREAM on the CRACKERS, put the CRACKERS on the APPLES, put the APPLES on my pizza, don’t forget the extra CHEESE!

COOKIES! I like COOKIES on my pizza, I like COOKIE pizza please! Put the COOKIES on the BREAD, put the BREAD on the CEREAL, put the CEREAL on the ICE CREAM, put the ICE CREAM on the CRACKERS, put the CRACKERS on the APPLES, put the APPLES on my pizza, don’t forget the extra CHEESE!

BANANAS! I like BANANAS on my pizza, I like BANANA pizza please! Put the BANANAS on the COOKIES, put the COOKIES on the BREAD, put the BREAD on the CEREAL, put the CEREAL on the ICE CREAM, put the ICE CREAM on the CRACKERS, put the CRACKERS on the APPLES, put the APPLES on my pizza, don’t forget the extra CHEESE!

CANDY! I like CANDY on my pizza, I like CANDY pizza please! Put the CANDY on the BANANAS, put the BANANAS on the COOKIES, put the COOKIES on the BREAD, put the BREAD on the CEREAL, put the CEREAL on the ICE CREAM, put the ICE CREAM on the CRACKERS, put the CRACKERS on the APPLES, put the APPLES on my pizza, don’t forget the extra CHEESE!

The Food Timeline
http://www.foodtimeline.org/

Jimmy the Greatest! By Jairo Buitrago and Rafael Yockteng
http://pinterest.com/kdlakids/community-helpers/

Books
My Neighborhood: Places and Faces by Lisa Bullard
Where Do I Live? By Neil Chesanow
El Barrio by Debbi Chocolate
Country Kid, City Kid by Julie Cummins
You and Me and the Sweet Home by George Ella Lyon
Blackout by John Rocco
The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant
When I Was Young in the Mountains by Cynthia Rylant
The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse by Helen Ward

Preschool Community Helper kit: http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/programs/Pages/KitBrowser.aspx

The People in Your Neighborhood
Oh, who are the people in your neighborhood,
In your neighborhood, in your neighborhood.
Say who are the people in your neighborhood--
The people that you meet each day?

Oh, the postman always brings the mail
Through rain or snow or sleet or hail.
I'll work, and work the whole day through
To get your letters safe to you.

Oh, a postman is a person in your neighborhood,
In your neighborhood, he's in your neighborhood.
A postman is a person in your neighborhood--
A person that you meet each day.

Oh, a fireman is brave it's said.
His engine is a shiny red.
If there's a fire anywhere about.
Well, I'll be sure to put it out!

Oh, a fireman is a person in your neighborhood,
In your neighborhood, he's in your neighborhood.
And a postman is a person in your neighborhood--
Well they're the people that you meet
When you're walking down the street
They're the people that you meet each day!

It's a Beautiful Day in this Neighborhood
It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood,
A beautiful day for a neighbor.
Would you be mine?
Could you be mine?...

It's a neighborly day in this beauty wood,
A neighborly day for a beauty.
Would you be mine?
Could you be mine?...

I've always wanted to have a neighbor just like you.
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.

So, let's make the most of this beautiful day.
Since we're together we might as well say:
Would you be mine?
Could you be mine?
Won't you be my neighbor?
Won't you please,
Won't you please?
Please won't you be my neighbor?

**Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship** by Russell Freedman

**Abraham Lincoln for Kids: His Life and Times with 21 Activities** by Janis Herbert
**Frederick Douglass for Kids: His Life and Times, with 21 Activities** by Nancy I. Sanders
**The Civil War for Kids: A History with 21 Activities** by Janis Herbert
**Words Set Me Free: The Story of Young Frederick Douglass** by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illustrated by James E. Ransome
**Abraham Lincoln** by Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire

**Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World** by Sy Montgomery

Jane Goodall
Dian Fossey, Gorillas in the Mist
Jacques Cousteau
Caitlin O’Connell

**Zombie Makers: True Stories of Nature's Undead** by Rebecca L. Johnson
- Decorate zombie rubber ducks: Give the kids rubber ducks, paint, and craft supplies and let them zombify a rubber duck.
- Have a “Best Zombie Costume and Walk” contest!
- Just like “Pin the Tail on the Donkey”, but there are endless variations. Pin the Liver on the Zombie. Pin the Gallbladder on the Zombie.
• Give the kids photocopied pictures of classic works of art and have them gore them up in the spirit of books like Pride and Prejudice and Zombies.

**Lemonade in Winter: A Book About Two Kids Counting Money** by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by G. Brian Karas


**Books**

*An Orange in January* by Diane Hutts Aston  
*A Perfect Day* by Carin Berger  
*The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats  
*Lemons are Not Red* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

**Limes and Lemons**

The limes are here, the lemons are there  
The limes, the lemons are everywhere  
The limes are up, the lemons are down  
The limes, the lemons are all around  
The limes are in, the lemons are out  
The limes, the lemons are all about  
The limes are low, the lemons are high  
The limes, the lemons all say Good-bye!

**Lemons, Lemonade**

*To the tune of Peanut Butter & Jelly*

First you take the lemons and you cut them, you cut them  
Then you take the lemons and you squeeze them, you squeeze them  
Then you add the sugar and the water, the water  
Then you drop the ice cubes, and you stir it, you stir it  
Pour yourself a glass and drink it, drink it  
Lemon, lemonade- yeah! Lemon, lemonade-yeah! (Themes from A to Z by Education Center)

**Snowflakes**

*Did You Ever See a Lassie. Use cotton balls for snowflakes.*

There’s a snowflake on my shoulder  
my shoulder  
There’s a snowflake on my shoulder and it’s melting away!

There’s a snowflake on my elbow . . .  
There’s a snowflake on my tummy . . .  
There’s a snowflake on my knee . . .  
There’s a snowflake on my head . . .
Grandpa Bear’s Lullaby By Jane Yolen

The night is long  
But fur is deep.  
You will be warm  
In winter sleep.

The food is gone  
But dreams are sweet  
And they will be  
Your winter meat.

The cave is dark  
But dreams are bright  
And they will serve  
As winter light.

Sleep, my little cubs, Sleep.

Hibernating Bear Craft:  http://pinterest.com/pin/283937951478834605/

Books
Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson  
Hibernation Station by Michelle Meadows  
The Mitten by Jan Brett

Anthology by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer
So many stories  
Locked inside the amber eye  
Of one elephant

Books
Elephants Can Paint Too by Katya Arnold  
I’ve Got an Elephant by Anne Ginkel  
Emma Kate by Patricia Polacco

I Talk With the Moon by Beverly McLoughland
I talk with the moon, said the owl  
While she lingers over my tree  
I talk with the moon, said the owl  
And the night belongs to me.

I talk with the sun, said the wren
As soon as he starts to shine  
I talk with the sun said the wren  
And the day is mine.

Owl Craft: http://pinterest.com/pin/283937951478454023/

Books
Owl Babies by Martin Waddell  
Wow! Said the Owl by Tim Hopgood  
Good-Night, Owl! By Pat Hutchins

This is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen
http://pinterest.com/kdlakids/manners/

No David! By David Shannon  
Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel  
How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague  
A Chair for My Mother by Vera Williams  
Little Bunny Foo Foo by Paul Brett Johnson

Little Bunny Foo Foo
Little Bunny Foo Foo  
Hopping through the forest  
Scoopin' up the field mice  
Bop 'em on the head!  
Then the Good Fairy came and said:  
'Little Bunny Foo Foo  
I don't wanna see you  
Scoopin' up the field mice  
Bop 'em on the head! I'll give you 3 chances,  
And if you don't behave,  
I will turn you into a goon!'  
And the next day... (Repeat through 2,1,0 chances)

Little bunny Foo Foo  
Went hopping through the forest  
Scooping up the field mice  
And bopping them on the head  
Down came the Good Fairy, and she said  
"Little bunny Foo Foo  
I don't wanna see you  
Scooping up the field mice  
And bopping them on the head."  
I gave you three chances and you didn't behave so....  
POOF!
She turned him into a Goon.

The moral of this story is: Hare Today...Goon Tomorrow!

**Magic Words**  
*By Rachel Coleman*
I have got some magic words  
I keep them by my side  
And when I use my magic words  
My friends know that I’m nice

And I say PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE when I want it  
I SHARE, SHARE, SHARE when we’re playing  
YOUR TURN is YOUR TURN and MY TURN is mine  
And we use our THANK YOU’s all of the time  
We use our THANK YOU’s all of the time  
And I say PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE when I want it  
I SHARE, SHARE, SHARE when we’re playing  
YOUR TURN is YOUR TURN and MY TURN is mine  
And we use our THANK YOU’s all of the time  
We use our THANK YOU’s all of the time

Tune here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHyaC12z-iQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHyaC12z-iQ)

**Cold Snap** by Eileen Spinelli


**Books**

- *Frozen Noses* by Jan Carr  
- *Snowballs* by Lois Ehlert  
- *The First Day of Winter* by Denise Fleming  
- *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats  
- *One Mitten* by Kristine O’Connell  
- *Snow* by Uri Shulevitz  
- *A Hat for Minerva Louise* by Janet Morgan Stoeke

**Pretend Snow Activity**
Is it snowing outside?  (No!)
It's raining?  Aw, well, let's pretend it's snowing.
Go outside!  Ooooh, brrrr!  Too cold.
Let's go back inside.  What should we put on?
(Let the kids offer suggestions: coats, hats, earmuff, scarves, snowboots, gloves, etc.)
(Act out putting it all on as you go.)
Okay!  Now, let's go outside.  Are you cold now?  Nope!  You've got your winter clothes on.
What do you see?  (snowflakes!  white snow!  ask the kids and get responses.)
Let's try to walk in the snow.  Can you walk in the snow?  You have to pick up your legs!
Oooh, this is so fun.  Isn't it pretty?
Let's stomp in the snow - can you do that? Wow!
Okay, let's pick up some snow and make a snowball!
Can you pack it?
Can you roll it?
Okay, now let's throw it! 1..2...3!
Can you jump in the snow? Awesome! Wow! Those are big jumps.
Okay, now, can you make a snow angel? Does everyone know how to do that?
[http://readsarahread.blogspot.com/2012/02/snow-storytime.html](http://readsarahread.blogspot.com/2012/02/snow-storytime.html)

Five Little Snowmen
Five little snowmen riding on the sled
One fell off and bumped his head
Frosty called the doctor and the doctor said
“No more snowmen, riding on that sled!”
Four little snowmen... etc.

A Home for Bird by Philip C. Stead

Books
I’m Not Cute by Jonathan Allen
Little Green by Keith Baker
No Two Alike by Keith Baker
Baby Bird by Joyce Dunbar
Feathers for Lunch by Lois Ehlert
Birds by Kevin Henkes
A Mother for Choco by Keiko Kasza
Whose Chick Are You? By Nancy Tafuri
Grumpy Bird by Jeremy Tankard

Birdie, Birdie, Where is Your Nest?
Make a big “nest” by placing a large sheet of brown paper (brown or gray would be good) on the floor. Ask the children to flap their arms like wings as they circle the nest. When you get to the line of the song, “In the tree that I love best,” the children run to get into the nest.

In the Tree That I Love Best
Birdie, Birdie, Where is Your Nest?
Birdie, birdie, where is your nest?
Birdie, birdie, where is your nest?
Birdie, birdie, where is your nest?
In the tree that I love best.

Barnum’s Bones: How Barnum Brown Discovered the Most Famous Dinosaur in the World by Tracey Fern, illustrated by Boris Kulikov

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins by Barbara Kerley
The Mighty Mars Rovers: The Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity
by Elizabeth Rusch

A Black Hole Is Not a Hole by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano
Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95 by Phillip Hoose
Island: A Story of the Galápagos by Jason Chin

The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore by William Joyce

Bury Me in the Library by J. Patrick Lewis
The Library by Sarah Stewart
Miss Brook Loves Books (and I don't) by Barbara Bottner