

READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #47
CELEBRATING THE SUN, MOON & EARTH EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR

This Reading Adventure Treasure Chest Kit has been assembled to provide a thematic list of storytime materials for use by enhanced members and their patrons. The kit is geared toward the preschool age group yet is flexible enough to capture the interest of toddlers and early school age children. The [Activity Ideas](#) are designed to be aids to use the materials listed in the kits.

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Material Type	Title	Author
BOOK	Alphabet Garden	LAURA JANE COATS
BOOK	Benjamin's 365 Birthdays	JUDI BARRETT
BOOK	Carl's Birthday	ALEXANDRA DAY
BOOK	Catch The Wind: All About Kites	GAIL GIBBONS
BOOK	Come A Tide	GEORGE ELLA LYON
BOOK	A Drop Of Rain	WONG HERBERT YEE
BOOK	Ducklings And Pollywogs	ANNE ROCKWELL
BOOK	Earthdance	JOANNE RYDER
BOOK	Everett Anderson's Year	LUCILLE CLIFTON
BOOK	From Snowflakes To Sandcastles: A Child's Year In Words And Pictures	ANNIE OWEN
BOOK	The Old Man Who Loved To Sing	JOHN WINCH
BOOK	Oliver's Vegetable	VIVIAN FRENCH
BOOK	Papa, Please Get The Moon For Me	ERIC CARLE
BOOK	Rainsong Snowsong	PHILEMON STURGES
BOOK	The Reason For A Flower	RUTH HELLER
BOOK	Seasons And Weather	DAVID EVANS AND CLAUDETTE WILLIAMS
BOOK	Storm	W. NIKOLA-LISA
BOOK	Summertime In The Big Woods	LAURA INGALLS WILDER
BOOK	Sun Fun	CAROLINE ARNOLD
BOOK	Sun Song	JEAN MARZOLLO
BOOK	Twist With A Burger, Jitter With A Bug	LINDA LOWERY
BOOK	Uno, Dos, Tres, One, Two, Three	PAT MORA
BOOK	Watermelon Day	KATHI APPELT
BOOK	Who Gets The Sun Out Of Bed?	NANCY WHITE CARLSTROM
BOARD BOOK	Thump-Thump Rat-A-Tat-Tat	GENE BAER
BIG BOOK	Somewhere	JANE BASKWILL
RESOURCE BOOK	Too Many Rabbits And Other Fingerplays	KAY COOPER
BOOK & TAPE	Jamberry	BRUCE DEGEN
CASSETTE	If You're Happy And You Know It	BOB McGRATH
VHS	The Adventures Of Peer Gynt	
PUPPET	Moon Bear Book And Bear	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

Play "Jump for Joy." Prepare cards with one letter of the alphabet on each card. Show the children the card with the letter "J." Tell them to jump every time they see the letter "J." Show them the card with the word "Jump" written on it, so that they can see that "Jump" starts with "J." Hold up one alphabet card at a time. Insert the letter "J" about every three or four cards. Play this game using another letter such as "G" for gallop, "S" for sit, "H" for hop and so on.

Children always enjoy celebrating birthdays. Play "The Birthday Game" which lets each child celebrate their birthday no matter what day it is. Choose one child. Everyone recites the following poem:

Apples, peaches, pears and plums,
Tell me when your birthday comes.
January, February, March, April, May, June,
July, August, September,
October, November, December?

When the children reach the month of the chosen child, the child stands up. Repeat the poem and let another child have a turn.

The cassette "Happy And You Know It" contains several fingerplays and action songs to enjoy all year long. "Mr. Sun," and "Everybody Loves Saturday Night" are good songs to try with your group. Other favorites include "This Little Light Of Mine," "Happy Birthday," and "Skinnamarink"

Sun

I am the sun
(Arms circle over head)
Shinning hot and bright,
When I go to sleep,
(Rest head on hands)
Day turns into night.
When I wake up
(Stretch, yawn)
I stretch and yawn
(Repeat)
And turn the darkness
(Circle arm)
Into dawn.

What Does the Weather Say?

What does the wind say?
"Who, who, who"
(Howling)
What does the hail say?
"Clatter, clatter, clatter."
(Noisily)
What does the rain say?
"Pitter-pat, pitter-pat, pitter-pat."
(Evenly)
What does the sleet say?
"Shush, shush, shush."
(Soft slidding sound)
What does the sun say?
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Here Is the World

Here is our world, our big round world.
(spread arms)
Here are the mountains high.
(stretch arms up)
Here is a fish that swims in the sea.
(move hand back and forth)
Here are the birds that fly.
(motion of flying)
Here is the sun, the bright, warm sun.
(make circle with arms)
Here are the leaves that fall.
(let raised hands fall gently)
Here is our world, our big, round world.
See the wonder of it all!
(spread arms)

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Ask your local children's librarian about more fingerplays, activities, and books including these recommended titles:

- *Amy Loves The Sun* by Julia Hoban. A simple text dramatizes how much Amy loves the sun.
- *Is It Dark? Is It Light?* by Mary D. Lankford. The concept of opposites is explored through characteristics of the moon.
- *Moongame* by Frank Asch. A little bear plays a game with the moon.
- *One Light, One Sun* by Raffi. This illustrated song by Raffi prompts children to sing along.
- *Sun Up, Sun Down* by Gail Gibbons. An introductory account of the sun and its effects on the earth.
- *The Sun's Day* by Mordicai Gerstein. An hour-by-hour trip through the day produces a serene mood.