

# Pre-K Press

## March 2023



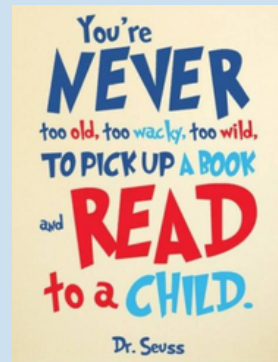
## Read Across America Week



**Read Across America Week** kicks off on Dr. Seuss's birthday (March 2nd) and continues through March 6th. Just think - as you dive deep into a good read aloud on **March 2nd**, you will be reading to children at the same time as an unlimited number of other teachers, librarians, principals, and families as it is **National Read Across America Day!** You will be a part of a nation wide effort to instill a love of reading, improve literacy, promote cultural awareness, and build a community of readers. For more information, book lists, and activity suggestions, check out the [National Education Association](#)'s website.

## Life Lessons from Dr. Seuss

1. Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than YOU.
2. Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.
3. Why fit in when you were born to stand out?



## 2022 Texas Pre-K Guidelines Training Dates:

- Wednesday, April 5th (9:00 - 4:00)
  - **Session #269310**
- Thursday, May 4th (9:00 - 4:00)
  - **Session #269311**

***\*Participants will receive a copy of the PK3 & PK4 Comprehensive Guide!***

## Am I in the Picture Book? Devotion to Diversity

Presented by author  
Suzanne Bloom

Help children validate their place in literature by showing them characters whose age, ability, color, shape, size, or culture is a reflection of themselves!

**Session #266162** - April 11th (PK-K)

**Session #266165** - April 13th (1-2)



**"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."**

**~Dr. Seuss**



# DAP CENTRAL

DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PRACTICES

## Discovery Bin

### Dr. Seuss Discovery Bin

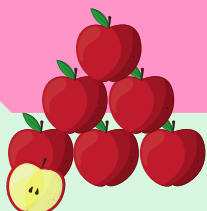
Dye some rice red and add that plus white rice to your sensory bin. (Do NOT expect it to stay in nice, neat lines! 😊) Add some colored pompoms, rhyming picture cards (instead of rhyming words), sorting cups, scoops of varying sizes, tweezers, and maybe a red fish and blue fish here and there! Check out [Little Bins for Little Hands](#) for more details and a recipe for quickly dying rice. No rice? No problem! Use some red & white shredded paper



## Gross Motor

### Ten Apples Up on Top

If you attended Move It or Lose It last summer, you know the importance moving has on learning! After reading the book, take the chalk, your students, and your imaginations outside to extend this read aloud! Trace a student's body and have them add apples on top of their head. Ask them to write numbers in the apples, as well. Use a rock or bean bag to toss on an apple, and have students hop to that apple, naming each number they hop on. Have them step on a number and then "add" (skip) 2 apples - "What number are you on now?" There are many ways to play this game!

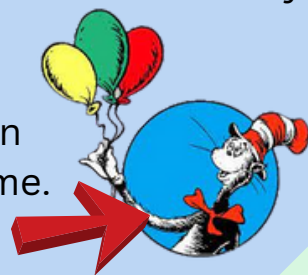


## Letter Knowledge

### Cat in the Hat Rhyming Game

Print the playing cards and laminate. (You can print the pages front and back or cut and glue the cards to create the Cat in the Hat card back with the rhyming picture front.) Play as a memory game, receptive matching game, expressive matching game, or let your imagination run wild as you and your students play with rhyming words! You could even toss them in the discovery bin as seen to the left. 😊 No matter how you play, your students will have fun while learning how to rhyme.

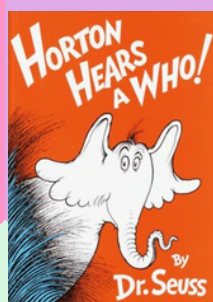
[Click to download cards](#)



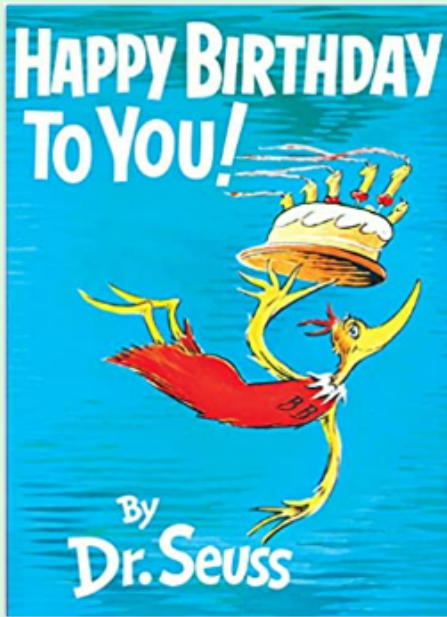
## Math

### Horton Hears a Who

All you need for this activity is the book, an assortment of pompoms (different colors and sizes), and your imagination! After reading, use the "clovers" to sort according to size or color, and count how many are in each group. Create clover patterns. (Remember, a pattern is a **unit that repeats**, so if you're creating a red, blue AB pattern, when you ask, "What comes next?" the answer is **red, blue** because that is the **unit**.) Create a graph and discuss the data.



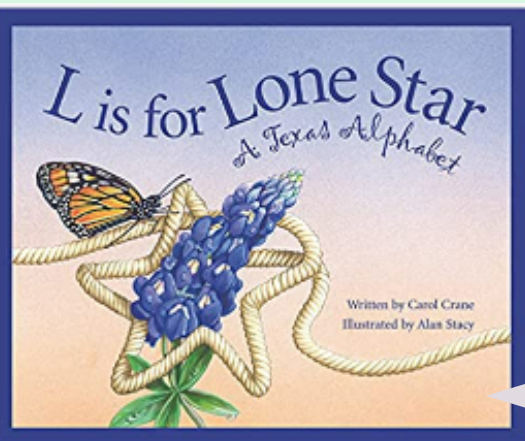
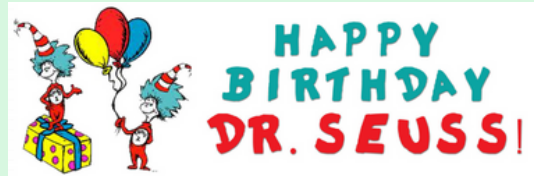
# PRE-K BOOK NOOK



## Happy Birthday to You!

What better book to read on Dr. Seuss's birthday? With birthday festivities on every page, readers go on a journey that teaches them to celebrate being themselves—every single day of the year! This joyful classic rejoices about the things that make you unique! It's the essential birthday gift for ages one to 101!

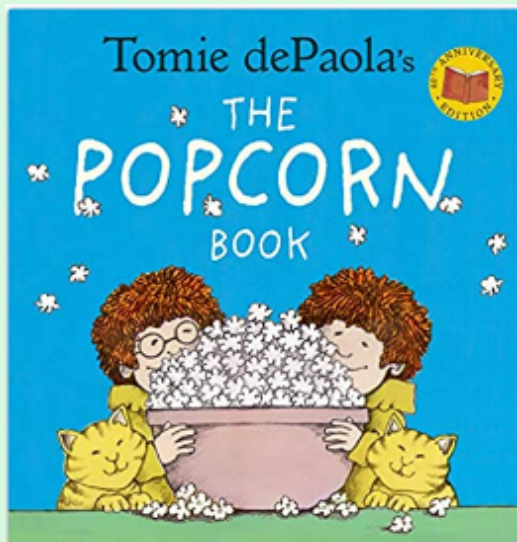
March 2nd!



## L is for Lone Star: A Texas Alphabet

With poems to engage younger readers and text to give further details for older students, "Lone Star" is a fantastic tool for sharing Texan pride with the ones you love. So lasso a copy of "L is for Lone Star" and get ready for a very special ride through the alphabet!

Great book for Texas Independence Day (March 2nd)!



## The Popcorn Book

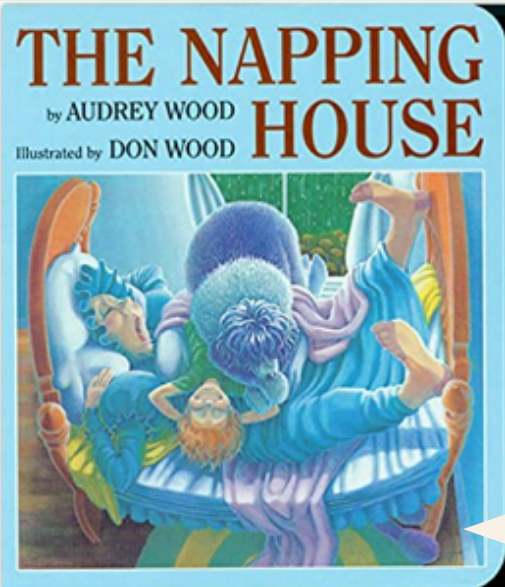
Tony likes to cook. Tiny likes to read. And both twins like to eat ... POPCORN! So while Tiny cooks it, Tony reads about it: what popcorn is, how it's stored and prepared, legends and stories about it, and its history in Europe and North America.



Perfect for  
National Popcorn  
Lover's Day:  
March 9th!



# PRE-K BOOK NOOK



## The Napping House

In the napping house is a cozy bed piled high with a snoring granny, a dreaming child, a dozing dog, a snoozing cat, and a slumbering mouse. What could be more comfy? All is at peace until a wakeful flea crawls into the mix. One beastly bite from him and the entire pyramid of sleepers might topple. Humorous and inviting, this story encourages young kids to read along—and make predictions.

**National Napping Day is March 13th!**



## I Choose Happy

This story teaches kids how to respond to negativity through several optimistic strategies. Using real life examples, children learn to understand their own emotions. This quiet, thoughtful story teaches readers how to focus on thoughts that bring happiness and calm into their lives. Developed by teachers and therapists to help children cope with a range of emotions and teach them that they indeed hold the power to choose their actions and reactions.

**International Day of Happiness - March 20th!**



## Red: A Crayon's Story

Funny, insightful, and colorful, this book is about being true to your inner self and following your own path despite obstacles that may come your way. Red has a bright red label, but he is, in fact, blue. Many try to help him be red, but he is miserable because he just can't be red, no matter how hard he tries!

**National Crayon Day: March 31st**



# TECH FOR TOTS

## Rainbow Name Writing



Children **love** their name! It's their favorite word, and it's often the first word they learn to read and write. We know that tracing names on a worksheet is not developmentally appropriate for helping students write their name, and we're always looking for technology ideas. (Remember, at this age, students need to be **creators** rather than **consumers!**) So, how about having them write their name to reveal a rainbow?



CLICK  
HERE

After opening the activity above, save it to your Seesaw library. Use my recorded instructions or record your own. Assign it to your students.

**If you need help, give me a call, and I'll add you to my Seesaw class!**

Here's a helpful tool: **Seesaw Icon Shortcuts!** This comes in **super** handy when typing up instructions for students because the icons allow them to "read" instructions and discover even more independence when completing tasks.



Seesaw Icon Shortcuts					
Use these shortcuts in the "Student Instructions" portion of Activities. Type in the text shortcut and it will transform into the icon after you choose save!					
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	:add:		:mic:		:pencil:
	:photo:		:3dots:		:pen:
	:video:		:background:		:highlighter:
	:drawing:		:shapes:		:glowpen:

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Get the 2022  
Texas Pre-K  
Guidelines at the  
links below!

## 2022 Texas Pre-K Guidelines

The new 2022 TPGs are available! There are multiple ways to access them:

- [TPG Comprehensive](#) PK3 & PK4 (English)
- [TPG Comprehensive](#) PK3 & PK4 (Spanish)
- [PK4 Streamlined](#)
- [PK3 Streamlined](#)
- [PK4 Side-by-Side](#) Comparison
- [PK3 Side-by-Side](#) Comparison

## Rainbow Teacher

A good teacher  
is a brilliant light,  
illuminating the prism of life,  
revealing to students  
a rainbow of possibilities.

By Joanna Fuchs  
Poemsource.com