

Early Learning Express: April 2017

Our beloved Early Learning Express is back on the road to celebrate SPRING in the month of April. There are few harbingers of spring cuter or more iconic than baby birds emerging from their eggs.

Sueño begins this storytime with the simple counting song “Five Brown Eggs” using simple puppetry.

*Five brown eggs in a nest of hay,
One yellow chick popped out to play.
Four brown eggs in a nest of hay,
Another yellow chick peep-peeped, “Good Day!”
Three brown eggs in a nest of hay,
One more chick pecked it’s shell away.
Two brown eggs in a nest of hay,
Crack went another one, hip-hip-hooray.
One brown egg in a nest of hay,
The last yellow chick popped out to say...
“Happy Spring, Everyone!”*

The first book we read is “Whose Chick Are You?” by Nancy Tafuri. An egg sitting in a nest near the water is observed by the families of chicken, duck, sparrow, and goose, each wondering “Whose egg is this? Whose egg is that?” When the egg finally hatches, even the little bird inside can’t doesn’t know that answer when they ask, “Whose chick are you?” But never worry, mother and father are nearby and they know!





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The brand new book “Wake Up!” by Helen Frost and Rick Lieder offers beautiful photography and prose celebrating the new life of spring. Together we peer into a robin’s nest of babies, get an up-close view of baby spiders clinging to a blade of grass, and look on with swan cygnets as the last of their clutch pecks its way out of a pale blue-green egg.

And to take the spring egg theme in a completely different direction, groups with longer attention spans will read “The Egg” by M.P. Robertson. While this egg was found in his mother’s chicken coop, “George knew something wasn’t quite right...” After all, this egg just barely fit in the garden wagon! What could be in there? Can George take care of it?

In late April, we will turn our sights on a couple of classic fairy tales - The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.