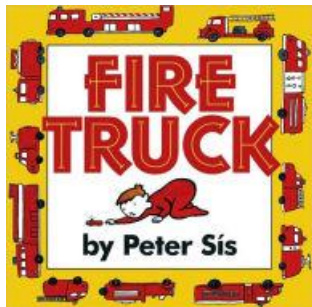


Early Learning Express: May 2017

The month of May is going to be full of great stories and engaging books.

We begin with some classic and not-so-classic folk tales. First, the Three Billy Goats Gruff is presented as a shadow play. Then, we get two versions of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The first is a rap and the second a little known book by Marilyn Tolhurst called “Somebody and the Three Blairs” in which a bear aka *Somebody* visits the house of Mr. and Mrs. Blair and Baby Blair while they are off in the park feeding the ducks.

Groups with longer attention spans also have the pleasure of hearing a version of “The Tortoise and the Hare” by Janet Stevens. It’s such a delight to read the anticipation on the children’s faces as the hare gets waylaid by various distractions along the race route!



Story time in the middle of May is a celebration of Touch a Truck. The imaginative story called “Fire Truck” by Peter Sís brings us into the mind of a little boy who wakes up one morning and finds that he *is* a fire truck! He has ladders, and sirens, and helmets, and much more as he rolls around the house saving his cat and teddy bear. “Road Builders” by B.G. Hennessy takes us on a tour of heavy machinery used to build a road. Each page shows a new step in the process from excavating the site, laying down asphalt, painting lines, and installing road signs. This is an absolute favorite for those interested in the doings of Big Trucks!

The final weeks of May bring stories and books of some as of yet unknown theme and interest! It’s sure to be interesting, though!