



Perry Public Library Storytime

It's Christmas Time!



Stories we shared:

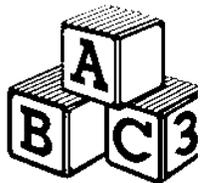
Merry Christmas Big Hungry Bear: by Don Wood
Dear Santa: by Rod Campbell

Sheila Rae's Peppermint Stick: by Kevin Henkes

Other books you may enjoy sharing:

What Santa Can't Do: by Douglas Wood
Santa Claus is Comin' to Town: by J. Coats
Jingle Babies: by Tom Arma
Christmas time: by Catherine Stock
The Christmas Boot: by Kady McDonald Denton
Corduroy's Christmas: by Don Freeman
How Santa Got His Job: by Stephen Krensky
The little reindeer: by Michael Foreman
The Polar Express: by Chris Van Allsburg
Christmas in the Big Woods: by L. Wilder
On Christmas Eve: by Margaret Wise Brown
Sofie's role: by Amy Heath
Christmas tree memories: by Alike
Wild Christmas reindeer: by Jan Brett
Santa Calls: by William Joyce
Santa's book of names: by David McPhail
Reindeer Christmas: by Moe Price
Too many tamales: by Gary Soto

Counting Christmas: by Jane Katz
Get Dressed Santa! by Tomie DePaola
Dream Snow: by Eric Carle
Bear's Christmas Star: by Mireille D'Allance
Christmas Lights: by Ann Fearington
Rocking Horse Christmas: by Mary Osborne
Spot's first christmas: by Eric Hill
Marmalade's Christmas Present: by Cindy Wheeler
The Night Before Christmas: by Clement Moore
Christmas Bear: by Henrietta Strickland
Clifford's First Christmas: by Norman Bridwell
Twelve days of Christmas: by S.D. Shindler
Christmas Trolls: by Jan Brett
Night Trees: by Eve Bunting
An Ellis Island Christmas: by Maxine Leighton
Apple tree Christmas: by Trinka Hakes Noble
Tree of cranes: by Allen Say
A moon in my teacup: by Anita Riggio



Early Literacy Extras:

- ✓ Talk about the names of favorite Christmas traditions such as "candy cane, holly, mistletoe, Santa, present, reindeer" - sound out the different parts of the word "rein" and "deer" – clap while saying them separately and then together again, first slowly and then faster.
- ✓ Help your child think of words that rhyme with tree like "me, see, sea, three, he she, we, bee" – make up silly rhymes with these words.
- ✓ Help your child find things that start with the "C"- "cuh" sound all around the house (candy, cookie, car, cat,).
- ✓ The sense of rhythm obtained from listening to songs and rhymes will help your child to identify patterns, like rhyming words, which will help them learn to read. Because songs automatically break down words into smaller sounds through tones, singing with your child is one of the best ways develop early literacy skills. Say silly rhymes and sing songs about Christmas (on following pages).
- ✓ Help your child learn sequencing. This will help later on in recalling the parts of a story (beginning, middle, end). When you are decorating the tree or making cookies, ask you child to help you remember the steps, or ask him to repeat the order in which you did things. "What did we put on the tree first? What did do before we ate the cookies?"
- ✓ If you take a drive to see the holiday lights and decorations, ask your child what he remembers seeing.
- ✓ Look at the Christmas cards you receive. Sort them by size ,shape, color, character, etc.

Songs and rhymes to share:

Jingle Bells

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh - hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

Ring the Bells

(sing to "Row Row Row your Boat")
Ring, ring, ring the bells
Ring them loud and clear
To tell the children everywhere
That Christmas time is here!

The Chimney

Here is the chimney (make a fist)
Here is the top (other hand over fist)
Open the lid (remove hand)
Out Santa will pop! (pop out thumb)

Christmas Bells *(count on fingers)*

Five little jingle bells hanging in a row
The first one said "ring me slow"
The second one said "ring me fast"
The third one said "ring me last"
The fourth one said "I love to chime"
The fifth one said "It's Christmas time!"

Santa And His Reindeer

Here is old Santa (left thumb)
And here is his sleigh (right thumb)
These are his reindeer, which he drives away
(hold up eight fingers)
Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen
Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen
(point to each finger in turn)
Away they all go! (fly fingers away)

Dear Old Santa

(to the tune of "London Bridge")
Guess whose beard is long and white
Long and white, long and white
Guess whose beard is long and white
Dear old Santa!

Repeat with

Guess whose boots are shiny and black
Guess whose hat is fuzzy and red
Guess whose pack is full of toys...

He'll Be Comin' Down the Chimney

(sing to "She'll be comin round the mountain")
He'll be comin' down the chimney when he comes
He'll be comin' down the chimney when he comes
He'll be comin' down the chimney
He'll be comin' down the chimney
He'll be comin' down the chimney when he comes

Repeat with:

He'll be driving eight brown reindeer...
We will all be snoring and sleeping...
But we'll leave him milk and cookies...

My Stocking

When Santa fills my stocking (pretend to fill stocking)
I wish that I could peek (peek through fingers)
But Santa never ever comes (shake head)
Until I'm fast asleep (rest cheek on folded hands)

Christmas Star *(sing to "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star")*

Twinkle twinkle Christmas star
Way up high is where you are
Shining bright for all to see
On the tiptop of our tree
Twinkle twinkle Christmas star
Way up high is where you are

Santa's Spectacles

These are Santa's spectacles
(circle eyes with fingers)
And this is Santa's hat
(make pointed shape on head with hands)
This is the way he folds his hands
And puts them in his lap!
(place hands in lap)

Santa is Back

Two merry blue eyes (point to eyes)
A cute little nose (point to nose)
A long snowy beard (stroke chin)
Two cheeks like a rose (rub cheeks)
A round chubby tummy (rub tummy)
A big bulging sack (touch shoulders and back)
Hurray for old Santa! (clap hands)
We're glad that he's back!

Candy Cane Reindeer

You'll Need:

One 6 inch wrapped candy cane

1 piece of ribbon (6-8 inches – enough to tie a small bow)

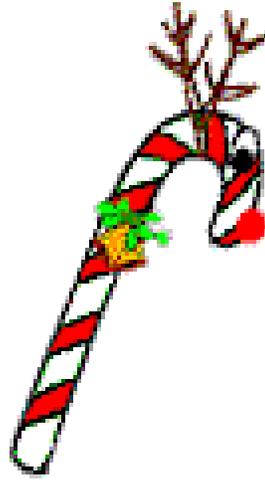
1 small jingle bell

2 small wiggle eyes

1 small red or brown pom pom

½ of a brown pipe cleaner

Craft glue or glue gun



- Leave the wrapping on the candy cane.
- Glue eyes on rounded face of the candy cane.
- Glue red (or brown) pom pom on the face for a nose.
- String jingle bell onto the piece of ribbon
- Tie ribbon into a bow on the straight part of the candy cane. – a dab of glue may help keep it from slipping
- Twist pipe cleaner around crook of candy cane for antlers

Pine Cone Christmas Tree

You'll need:

Dry pinecones

Green glitter

Glue

Sequins, beads, tinsel, ribbon

Stiff paper to make a star & base

- Paint the pinecone with glue.
- Before the glue dries, sprinkle with green glitter.
- Top with a paper star.
- When it the glue and glitter dries you can glue on sequins and other decorations
- Cut a circle or star shape from heavy paper to make a base for the Christmas tree or hang by adding a tie. A small teacup also makes a good base for the tree.



NOTE If you cannot find open pinecones. Place some in a 200 degree oven on a cookie sheet. They will open as they dry.