

Did You Know?

Einstein once said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge."

Imagination opens the door to so many possibilities. It brings cognitive and social development together, allowing children to utilize creative thinking and further collaboration. Imagination enables someone to envision an image or an idea, then bring it to life.

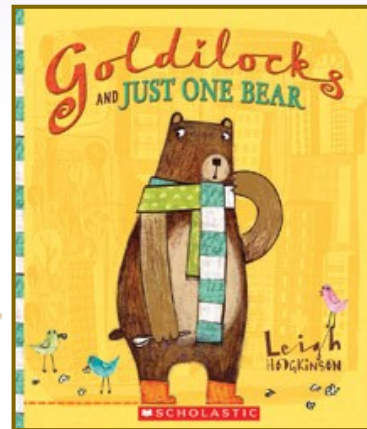


The Mayor's Book Club pick for November, *Goldilocks and Just One Bear*, truly awakens the imagination. It is a *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* adaptation, and the reimaged version is perfect for family story time.



MAYOR'S BOOK CLUB NEWSLETTER

The Mayor's Book Club is pleased to present our **Book-of-the-Month for November:**



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It's Fun and Easy!

Goldilocks and Just One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson features Baby Bear all grown up. He wanders through the forest and finds himself in the big city. Find out if he likes the city and how Goldilocks will make an appearance.

Tip #1 – The story features large, bold words throughout Baby Bear's dialogue. These words are excellent ways to learn new vocabulary words or reinforce any words the child or children may already know. Typically in the story, these words are adjectives or descriptive words that let the reader understand how Baby Bear perceives an item.

Tip #2 – The illustrations throughout the story are detailed, and on many pages, quite comical. The illustrations provide parents/guardians and children with the opportunity to look at the artwork on the pages and discuss. These images could spark imaginations to run wild with brilliant ideas and great topics to share.

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Bringing the Story to Life!

Take a Fall Nature Walk

In the story, the bear decides to return home to the woods after visiting Goldilocks in the city. Help your child develop his/her narrative skills by going for a fall nature walk at a public park or around your neighborhood. On your nature walk help your child gather fallen leaves that he/she thinks are interesting. Ask your child to: *Describe the leaves. Pick his or her favorite leaf. Come up with a story describing how the leaves fell to the ground.* Ask questions to get him/her started (EX. Did a squirrel knock the leaf to the ground? Did the wind blow it in from a far off place?).

During your nature walk sing the **Fall Song** with your child.

Tune: Are You Sleeping?

**Watch the leaves fall, watch the leaves fall
On the ground, on the ground.**

**Oh, so many colors! Oh, so many colors!
Red, yellow, brown. Red, yellow, brown.**



Make Hibernating Bear Cupcakes



Fall is the time of year for bears to prepare for hibernation. Make hibernating bear cupcakes to enjoy on a cool autumn day. Follow the mixing directions on your favorite cake mix. Fill the cupcake tin half way, then place a teddy graham cookie in the middle of the batter. Cover the teddy graham cookies with the remaining batter and bake. Allow the cupcakes to cool and frost with vanilla icing. The cookies will hold their shape during baking, and your child will enjoy finding the bear in the snow-covered "cupcave!"

Book Picks

Similar Reimagined Classics:

Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion
by Alex T. Smith

Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark
by Ken Geist



The Princess and the Peas

by Caryl Hart and
Sarah Warburton

Alaska's Three Pigs
by Arlene Laverde

Mary Had a Little Glam
by Tammi Sauer

Jim and the Beanstalk
by Raymond Briggs

Community Resources

30th Annual Downtown Hampton Lighted Boat Parade

Friday, December 7, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM, 710 Settlers Landing Road

Come see the lighted boat parade at the Downtown Hampton Waterfront! The boat parade sets sail at 7:00pm. Listen to a bedtime story with Santa in the Crowne Plaza Marina Hotel lobby at 8:30pm. Attendees interested in riding on the Miss Hampton II are encouraged to make reservations by calling 757-722-9102. The admission is an unwrapped toy that will be donated to Toys for Tots.

Hampton Holly Days Parade - Celebrating the Holidays and "Hampton's Treasures"

Saturday, December 8, 2018 7:00 PM-9:00 PM, Free

Come to Downtown Hampton to experience the largest illuminated parade on the Peninsula. High School marching bands will provide fun music to listen to as you enjoy a parade through Downtown Hampton. The parade winds through the downtown area and ends at Darling Stadium.



Visit your local public library or school library:

Hampton Public Library:

<http://www.hamptonpubliclibrary.org>

Hampton City Schools – Information Literacy Services:

<http://www.hampton.k12.va.us/departments/informationliteracy/infoliteracy.html>



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