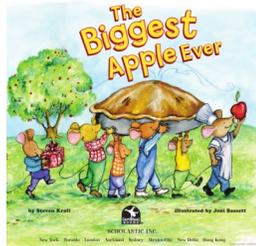


The Mayor's Book Club is pleased to present our Book-of-the-Month for September:



## The Biggest Apple Ever

By Stephen Kroll

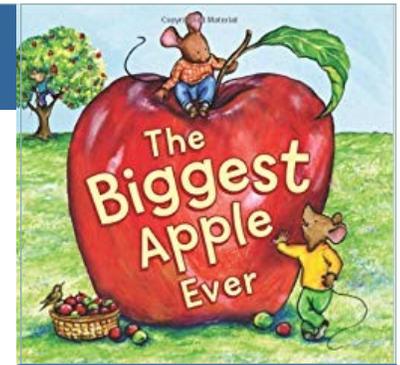
### It's Fun and Easy!

The Biggest Apple Ever by Steven Kroll is a compelling story for children. The story focuses on two friends, Clayton and Desmond, in their quest to find the biggest apple.

Tip #1 – The Biggest Apple Ever features many characters, so children and families have the opportunity to practice a lot of dialogue. The friends are continually interacting and sharing their thoughts, so it is a great way to hear different voices.

Tip #2 – The book has both simple wording and more advanced word choice throughout the story. It also has a mix of short sentences and longer paragraphs, which is terrific for readers looking for a challenge.

Tip #3 – The story has beautiful illustrations on each page. Illustrator, Jeni Bassett, brings the story to life with detailed depictions of the interactions. Illustrations are a great way to understand the text and the story better.



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### Did You Know?

The weekend can be a wonderful time to relax with a great book. It is an excellent way to practice what children have previously learned and prepare for the school year.

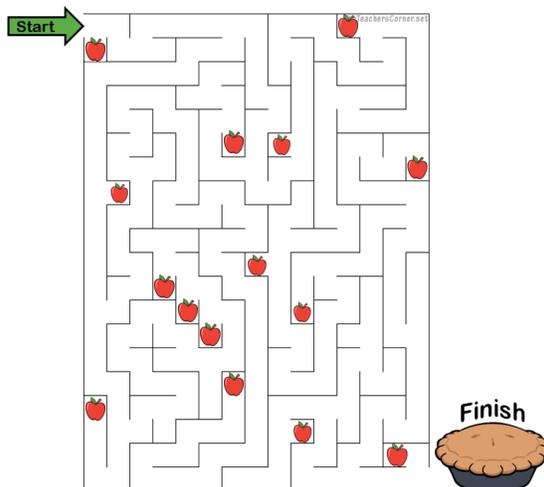
September's book is The Biggest Apple Ever by Steven Kroll is an excellent choice as it is a captivating story.

Local libraries, schools, and organizations have a wide variety of books and programming available to keep children interested and excited. There are so many ways to stay connected with reading, learning, and growing; we hope to see you all year long!

The Hampton Mayor's Book Club can promote early literacy through the generous contributions from our community. Thank you to the businesses, local organizations, and reading volunteers for their time and financial support this year.

•Can you find your way out of the maze?

•Can you find your way to all 15 apples?



## APPLE PRINTS

Cut the apple in half top-down to make a "traditional" apple print.

Squirt a couple of tablespoons of paint into a tray, doing the same for however many colors you want to use.

Dip the cut side of the apple into the paint. Dab it around on a paper towel to wipe off excess paint, then press it onto the paper or another surface. Reload the apple stamp each time you make a new impression.



## APPLE PIE BITES



Delicious, quick & easy mini apple pies made with Pillsbury crescent rolls.

### Ingredients

- 1 Granny smith apple, small
- 1 tsp Apple pie spice
- 1/4 cup Brown sugar, packed light
- 1/3 cup Pecans
- 1 (8-ounce) can Pillsbury crescent rolls
- 3 tbsp Butter

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

In a small bowl, combine apple pie spice and brown sugar. Set aside. Melt butter, and toss the apple slices in the butter. Set aside. On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, arrange the crescent roll triangles, and evenly distribute your brown sugar mixture and pecans onto each triangle. Place one apple slice on the wide end of the crescent roll. Then, wrap the dough around the apple. Brush the rolls with the remaining butter. Sprinkle lightly with additional apple pie spice. Bake for 10-12 minutes, or until golden brown.

## BRING THE STORY TO LIFE!

### Take A Closer Look

Take your child to a farmer's market or the produce section of your grocery store. Look at the different kinds of apples. Discuss where the apples may have come from and how they grew. You can also talk about their different shapes, sizes, and colors. Consider buying a few different apples to take home and taste. Do they all taste the same or do they taste different?



### Review the Story

This story offers a great opportunity to talk about doing something kind for others. Desmond and Clayton knew that they were not going to win the contest so, they decided to make a pie to share with their class. You can discuss with your child why they think Desmond and Clayton chose to do this. You can also talk them about how it feels when they lose a game or contest and what they could do when that happens.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### Family Movie Night "Shrek" - Main Library

Thursday, September 12, 2019, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM  
4207 Victoria Blvd

Main Library Children's Programming Room—Free and fun for the whole family! Join us for a movie with light snacks being provided.



### Buckroe Beach Farmers Market

Saturdays (Sept. 14, 21, 28); 9:00 AM-1:00PM

The Buckroe Beach Farmers Market is open each Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., May 4 through Nov. 16 (EXCEPT: Sept. 7th).

Vendors will be located on the grassy area surrounding the Buckroe Beach gazebo and will sell local produce, baked goods, sausage, seafood, jarred food items and more.



## BOOK PICKS

The Day You Begin  
by Jacqueline Woodson

The Most Magnificent Thing  
by Ashley Spires

## FUN AND GAMES

### The Biggest Apple Ever

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