Kids in the Kitchen: Ginger Winter Warmer

Ingredients: (Makes 2)
- 1 (3-inch) piece fresh ginger, unpeeled and chopped
- 2 1/2 cups cold water
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 2 lemon wedges (if you like)

To Make:
Put the ginger and water in the pot, cover and bring to a boil over medium-high heat for 2 minutes. Turn the heat down to low and cook for 10 minutes. Set the strainer over the mug and pour the liquid through it. Compost or throw away the ginger in the sieve. Add the honey and stir. Add the lemon, if you like, and serve.

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Pinecone Winter Owl:

You will Need:
- Pinecones
- White and beige/brown felt and a tiny bit of orange one too
- Cotton balls / cotton
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Scissors

How to Make it:
1. Tear up cotton balls and stuff them into the dry pinecone.
2. Cut a pair of wings out of white felt.
3. Cut a small oval for the head out of beige/brown felt, with ear like points on either side.
4. Cut out a smaller oval from the white felt, making one side a little heart shaped.
5. Cut out a small triangle from the orange felt.
6. Glue the beak on to the big oval and the smaller oval on top of that; glue the googly eyes on.
7. Glue the wings to the sides of the pinecone.

Source: https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/pinecone-winter-owls-craft/
SUMMARY OF BOOK:

AGE GROUP: Age 5

AUTHOR: Jane Yolen

BOOK TITLE: Owl Moon

To help your child enjoy the book, try questions such as:

1. What does an owl look like? What will an owl sound like? What does the word ‘owling’ mean to you?
2. The owl sees something interesting. Talk about what an owl might see in the dark.
3. What is a shadow? Find a shadow in the book and talk about it.
4. What is silk? Discuss the meanings of the words ‘crunched,’ ‘disappointed,’ and ‘stained.’

Tips for reading:

1. Practice the sound of an owl. Ask what it means to go owling. Listen to your child’s ideas.
2. Talk about echoes. What is an echo? How is an echo made?
3. Talk about what an owl is. Let the child tell you what s/he knows about owls.
4. Make predictions about what will happen in the story based on the pictures on the cover. Ask questions like: “Looking at the picture on the cover, what do you think the story is going to be about?”

DURING READING (Ask these questions):

1. Pick out unusual words to teach the child (examples in book: crunched, disappointed, stained, clearing, threading)
2. Talk about the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Have your child retell the story. Ask about setting and characters.
3. Point out and talk about the shadows on the snow in the pictures.
4. Try questions like this: What do you think will happen next? Will they find the owl? Where will an owl most likely be?

AFTER READING (Activities to extend book experience):

1. Tip-toe around the yard, making owl noises. Stop and listen, then tell about what you hear.
2. Take a walk in the dark (in or around the house with a flashlight). Look for anything in nature. Talk about what you see in the light.
3. Play hide and seek in the dark. Have the child call like an owl for you (or other family members) to find them.

**This activity was created by students at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga **

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Imagination Library Early Learning Activity

BOOK TITLE: Owl Moon

AUTHOR: Jane Yolen

AGE GROUP: Age 5

SUMMARY OF BOOK: In the stillness of a winter’s night, a young girl goes ‘owling’ for the first time with her Pa. Her brothers had been before, and now it is her turn to take the long quiet walk through the snow and look for the Great Horned Owl.

BEFORE READING: Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book. Try questions such as these:

1. Talk about owls. Ask the child what s/he knows about owls.
2. Practice the sound of an owl. Ask what it means to go owling. Listen to your child’s ideas.
3. Talk about echoes. “What is an echo? How is an echo made?” Echo back and forth with your child using the “whoo” sound.

4. Make predictions about what will happen in the story based on the pictures on the cover. Ask questions like: “Looking at the picture on the cover, what do you think the story is going to be about?”

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December 2019 What’s Going On?

Get out your highlighter and choose the events you want to attend this month!

SPECIAL EVENTS


12/6 First Friday: Come out and join local businesses, organizations, artists, and the public for a free community event the first Friday of every month. This event runs from 5:00pm-6:30pm. ☺

12/7 Dads n Kiddos Play Group: This fathers’ group gives Dad time with their infants and/or toddlers in a safe, fun atmosphere. Sponsored by BRH, Northern Lights Church, 400 W. 11th St., 9-11am. Info: 796-8975 ☺

12/7 ASL Playgroup: 11am-12pm. Call 586-5765 or email info@juneaubirthcenter.org ☺

12/13 Turf Night: Dimond Park Field house, hosted by Be SMART 4pm-7pm. ☺

12/19 Family Night at the Library: Downtown Library 5:30pm-6:30pm. ☺

12/21 The Winter Solstice

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12/23 Hanukkah Starts

12/25 Christmas

12/26 Kwanzaa Starts

Be sure to check out the AEYC-SEA Facebook Page for more fun events this December!

MONDAYS-FRIDAYS

Turf for Tots Program: Dimond Park Fieldhouse. 9am-1pm. $6/child. For more info: 523-4910.

Lunch Brunch: Dimond Park Aquatic Center. For ages 8 years and younger, 11:15am-1:00pm. For more info: 586-2782.

MONDAYS


Toddler Time Downtown Library: downtown large meeting room, 10am-11am. ☺

Toddler Time Valley Library: Valley open seating area, 11am-11:30am. ☺

Motherhood is Sacred: 5pm-7:30pm. 3075 Vintage Blvd. Info: 463-7167 or 463-7161 ☺

TUESDAY

Children’s Group: 6:00-7:30. AWARE. Call 586-6623 for more info. ☺

WEDNESDAYS

Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Walk-In Clinic: 9am-6pm, 3245 Hospital Dr. 1st floor. For more info call: 463-4099. ☺

THURSDAYS


Baby Parent Time: Main floor of the Robert F. Vaillant Center/Admin. Building. 12pm-1:30pm. Info: 796-8422. ☺

Fatherhood is Sacred: 5pm-8pm. Andrew Hope Building (320 W. Willoughby Avenue, Second Floor). Info: 463-7197.

FRIDAYS


☺ means the event is FREE!

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