

St. Patrick's Day Storytime

Prep: 15-25 min.

Items:

- Books:
 - "There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Clover" by Lucille Calandro ([Book](#))
 - "Spring Green" by Valrie Selkowe ([Book](#))
 - "It's St. Patrick's Day, Dear Dragon" by Margaret Hillert ([Book](#))
- Rhymes/Songs:
 - "Green and Gold"
 - "Looking for Gold"
- Craft:
 - White Construction Paper
 - Cotton Balls
 - Colors of the Rainbow Construction Paper
 - Glue

Full Length: 25-30 min.

Beginning:

- We started out with our usual song "I Wake up my Hands" by Jbrary. The great part about this song is that you can have the kids choose the body part. This allows the kids to learn the body parts while making it fun!
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZzvSxwQ8mM>
- To kick off this story time, the first book that we read was "There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Clover". Kids loved the fact that a lady can fit so much in her mouth, including a large pot.
 - After doing the story time, I had the idea that you can make this a felt board story. Create a template for the old lady and all the things that she eats. Then slowly insert them in her mouth as the story proceeds.

Middle:

- The song that we sang after this was "Green and Gold". I was really proud of this song because I came up with it! This is to the tune of "Frere Jacques". The lyrics are at the bottom.
- The next book that we read was "Spring Green". This book has nothing to do with St. Patrick's Day other than they are looking for something green.

End:

- The final song for today was “Looking for Gold” to the tune of “The Itsy Bitsy Spider”. Again, I was pretty proud because I came up with the lyrics on my own. At the end where it says “hop”, I have the kids do the biggest hop that they can.
- The final book was “Happy St. Patrick’s Day, Dear Dragon”. This book is very simple and is great for those beginning readers. Since I have some older kids in my Storytime, I didn’t repeat the phrases that were on some of the pages.

Craft:

- For the craft today, we created our own rainbows out of construction paper. Prior to the story time, I had cut out some clouds for the kids so they didn’t have to use scissors. We used the white construction paper to make the clouds. However, I did leave some plain white paper so some practice their scissors skills. After, they cut out their clouds. I cut the other construction paper in strips so they could glue it to the cloud and it would look like a rainbow. We had 11x17 colored construction paper that we used, but regular 8 1/2x11 construction paper would be fine as well. It doesn’t matter which side they glue the strips to, just make sure they glue them on the same side. Flip it over to the other side and it looks like a rainbow is coming out of the cloud. To finish this craft, I had extra cotton balls that they could use to glue on to the cloud.

“Green and Gold”

(Tune of “Frere Jacque”)

Green and Gold

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It’s St. Patrick’s Day

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Leprechauns and Clovers

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Rainbows too!

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“Looking for Gold”

(Tune of “Itsy Bitsy Spider”)

The little Leprechaun

Looking for his Gold

Along came a field

And what did it hold

He ran and ran and ran

Until he quickly stopped

At a big pot of gold

He did a great big Hop!