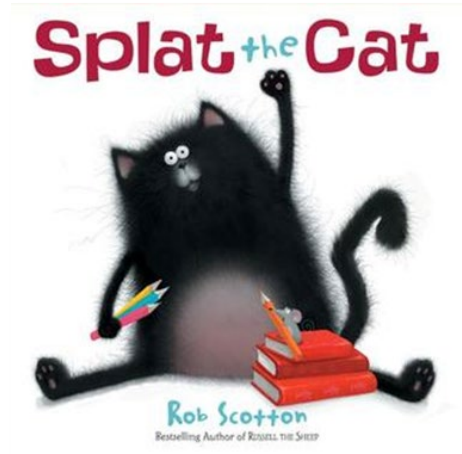


CLOVERBUD READING ADVENTURES

Splat the Cat

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Splat the Cat goes to school and has a great adventure!



ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS

Milky Swirls

Materials: large shallow dish, milk, several colors of food coloring, a toothpick, dish soap



What to do: Pour a shallow layer of milk into the dish and let it warm up to room temperature. Take a few colors of the food coloring and place drops around the outside of the dish in the milk. Dip the toothpick into the dish soap and touch it in the center of the milk. What happens? Now dip the toothpick into the soap again and touch the centers of the food colors with it. What happens now?

When the first bit of soap touches the center of the milk, it breaks the surface tension of the liquid. The surface tension around the outside is strong, however, and this force pulls the milk (and food coloring) toward the edge of the bowl. When you then put a dab of soap in the food coloring, it also spreads out. Doing this with all the drops of food coloring moves the colors around the plate because of the different levels of surface tension resulting in the colors mixing.



Paper Plate Cat

Materials: black paint (or any color you want to make your cat), paper plate, paintbrush, scissors, tape, glue, 2 large wiggle eyes, 1 small pink pompom, pipe cleaner

What to do: Paint entire backside of paper plate black and let dry. Turn the plate over to the unpainted side. Using the picture as a guide, cut out the body. Cut the head and tail out from the remaining plate. Use tape to attach the tail and the head to the back of the plate, using the photo as a guide. Glue on the wiggle eyes and pink pompom for the nose. Cut out 6 whiskers of equal length from the pipe cleaner and glue to the cat's face.



GAME



Sock Seeds

Supplies: access to open grass, socks

How to play: Put on a pair of white socks and take a walk in a field, woods or grassy area. After a few minutes, take off your socks and examine the things that have attached to them on your walk. You will probably find several different kinds of seeds that have “hitchhiked” on you. What are some other ways that seeds get spread out so they can grow in new places? Can you identify any of the types of seeds?

SNACKS

Strawberry Mice



Ingredients: 10 fresh strawberries with tops cut off, 10 mini chocolate chips, black decorating gel, 20 sliced almonds, 5 pieces red licorice strings, swiss cheese, toothpick

What to do: : For each mouse, slice a small section from one side of the strawberry so it sits flat.

Press a mini chocolate chip into the tip for a nose or secure it with gel if necessary.

Add two dots of icing above the nose for eyes.

Stick two almond slices onto the top of the strawberry for the ears.

For the tail, use a toothpick to carve a small hole into the back of the strawberry and push the end of the licorice into the hole.

Serve with small triangles of cheese.

OTHER BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

Splat and the Cool School Trip by Rob Scotton

Russell the Sheep by Rob Scotton

EVALUATION

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<https://go.osu.edu/evaladventures>



4-H CLOVERBUD READING ADVENTURES

Reading Adventures are part of the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Program. This adventure was developed by Kathy Blackford, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Ohio State University Extension. It contains well-known activities, games, and snacks. Sources are indicated where appropriate. Find more reading adventures online at ohio4h.org/cloverbudresources.

TIP:

This 4-H Cloverbud Reading Adventure works well with Chapter 2, “Experimenting with the Five Senses”, and Chapter 3, “Making Air Work”, in *The Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities* available through OSU Extension offices or online at extensionpubs.osu.edu. Ohio residents get the best price when they order and pick up their purchases through local Extension offices.

