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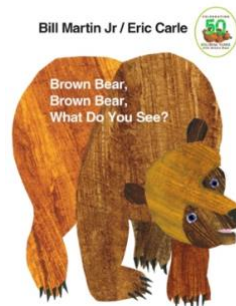
Reach Out and Connect: Workshop # 36

Let's Read and Play Together

We're reading a story together and showing you activities you can do at home with your family. Today's story is *Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See* by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle. These activities can be modified to work with any story you read together!

Talk About Colors:

- Talk with your kids about all the different colors you saw through the story: Brown, Red, Green, Yellow. All you need for this activity is different colored paper and things you find around your house.
- Place the pieces of paper on the floor or on a table.
- Then go on a scavenger hunt around your house to find different toys, objects, and items that are small enough to carry easily.
- Sort your pile of objects by their color. Ask questions like, "What color should we sort this object into?" "What animal was red in the story?" "What is your favorite color?" "How do these colors make you feel? How does the color yellow make you feel? What about blue?"
- Count the objects you sorted into each color. "Which color has the most objects?"



Use Your Body:

The second activity is all about movement and a fun way to read a book and get moving at the same time. Read the story again and using full body movements, called gross motor skills, act out the different animals in the story.

"Brown Bear Brown Bear, what do you see?"

Ask, "How do you walk like a bear?" Let's your kids use their imagination. Let them growl, crawl, show their claws, and explore how they think a bear moves. "Can you move like a slow bear? Now move like a fast bear!" Adults can do it to! Have fun together!

Keep doing this for all the animals in the story.

STEM Magic Milk:

The last activity brings in some science with colors! Get ready to see some magic milk! All you need for this activity is dish soap, food coloring, and milk in a bowl. You can use the leftover milk in your cereal bowl.

- Pour milk into your plate or dish. Add just enough to cover the bottom.
- Add a few drops of food coloring into the milk. You will want to add more than one color for the experiment.
- Add 1 drop of dish soap and watch what happens
- Stir the colors together.

With every story you read together, continue that learning with other activities and experiments. You can find more stories to read together in our booklists, linked in the video description. Have a great time reading together!

If you have any questions about this information or have a workshop topic you would like to see, please reach out to krochaaldrich@reachoutandreadnyc.org.