

Happy Birthday Paul Galdone!

(103 years old!)

Description of Program

Paul Galdone's retelling of classic tales like *The Little Red Hen* or *Three Billy Goats Gruff* have become staples on library shelves for years and a favorite among children, parents and librarians! Join us as we celebrate Galdone's delightful retellings and whimsical illustrations.

Program Plans

It is so hard to choose which Paul Galdone book is my favorite, but I do have a special fondness for his classic retelling of *The Gingerbread Boy*. Soon all of the children will be singing "You Can't Catch Me! I'm the Gingerbread Boy!"

Stories

The Gingerbread Boy by Paul Galdone

The Gingerbread Boy eludes the hungry grasp of everyone he meets until he happens upon a fox more clever than he.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Paul Galdone

Three clever billy goats outwit a big ugly troll that lives under the bridge they must cross on their way up the mountain.

Rumpelstiltskin by Paul Galdone

A strange little man helps the miller's daughter spin straw into gold for the king on the condition that she will give him her first-born child.

And the list goes on and on and on.....

Songs/Fingerplays

Where is the Gingerbread Boy?

(tune: *Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?*)

Oh where, oh where is my Gingerbread Boy?

Oh where, oh where can he be?

He popped out of the oven and ran out the door.

Oh where, oh where can he be?

Song available at www.teachingheart.net

Gingerbread

Stir a bowl of gingerbread (make stirring motion)

Smooth and spicy brown

Roll it with a rolling pin (pretend to roll dough)

Up and up and down

With a cookie cutter (pretend to cut cookies with cutter)

Make some little men,

Put them in the oven (put tray in the oven)

Until a half past ten.

Fingerplay available at www.bestkidsbooksite.com

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Craft Ideas

Gingerbread Boy Ornaments

½ cup cinnamon

½ cup applesauce

2 Tablespoons tacky glue

Mix ingredients together and roll out onto wax paper. Using a gingerbread cookie cutter, cut out the shape. Poke a hole on the top of the cookie with a straw. Let the gingerbread boys air dry for a couple of days. The children can safely transport their creations home in a shoe box. Once the ornaments are dry, the children may string colorful ribbons through the hole. Makes approximately 6 ornaments. NOTE: These ornaments are not edible!

Gingerbread Men Cookies

These pre-cut shapes are ready to bake....be sure to add the raisin eyes before baking. The children will enjoy decorating them with icing after they have cooled.

Cookies available at www.marketday.com

Yummy Gingerbread Men

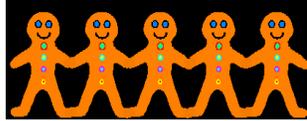


To make a yummy gingerbread man, cut a gingerbread man shape from a piece of brown construction paper and arrange him on a background piece of paper. Decorate him with cotton balls, paper designs and shapes, crayons, and other materials from your toolbox.

Gingerbread template available at <http://www.kidzone.ws/thematic/gingerbread/glyph1b.htm>

Craft idea available at www.thebestkidsbooksite.com

Gingerbread Boy Paper Chains



Template available at <http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/miscellaneous/mgingerbread.html>

Can't Catch Me, I'm the Gingerbread Boy Hide & Seek

As a culminating activity, have the children look for the Gingerbread Boy throughout the library.

The laminated cutout gingerbread boys may be hidden in the stacks along with clues as to where to find the next gingerbread boy. The template used for the above paper chain activity may be used. What a great way for the children to get to know the library!

Snip, Snap, Snip...that's it!

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