

Hippity Hop Hooray! It's Margaret Wise's Birthday!

Celebrating the 100th birthday of Margaret Wise Brown (b. May 23, 1910)

Description of Program

Can you finish this sentence? *In the great green room...* Chances are you have heard or read *Goodnight Moon* over and over again. Join us as we celebrate this classic tale and others written by Margaret Wise Brown, one of the pioneers of children's literature.

Program Plans

This program will be enjoyed by children, ages 2 and older with a parent/adult caregiver. Numerous children are familiar with the tale *Goodnight Moon*, but many have never heard Margaret Wise Brown's loving story *Home for a Bunny*. This program, which is a perfect spring-time story, will introduce the children to this sweet tale and it will inevitably become one of their favorites!

Stories

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

Goodnight to each of the objects in the great green room: goodnight chairs, goodnight comb, goodnight air.

Home for a Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown

A bunny searches the spring-time forest for a home of his own.

Songs/Fingerplays

Bunny, Bunny

Bunny, white bunny (Place pointer fingers beside head)

With ears so tall,

And your two pink eyes,

And a mouth so small, (Make O with mouth)

Wiggle goes one ear, (Wiggle one finger)

Wiggle goes the other, (Wiggle other finger)

Hop, hop, hop, hop Home to your mother! (Hop away in four hops)

I'm a Little Bunny (tune: *I'm a Little Teapot*)

I'm a little bunny, with a cotton tail,

See me hopping down the trail,

When I see a carrot...

My ears - they shake!

And then, of course,

A Bite I take!!!

CRUNCH!!!!

Songs/Fingerplays available at www.bestkidsbooksite.com

Activities

Pin the Tail on the Bunny

A slight variation of an all-time favorite game!

Bunny Paintings (idea created by Nancy Heuser, Orland Park Public Library)

Have fun with bunny-related items and paint! For the following activity, you will need these supplies:

Carrots, cut into different lengths and shapes

Plastic Easter grass

Cotton balls

Acrylic paints

White paper, 12" x 12"

Paper bowls

Art shirts

Tacky glue

By using the first three items, the children can create art that will remind them of *Home for a Bunny!* Have the children dip the carrots, grass and cotton balls into the paint and let them create their very own abstract art. They will be amazed by the beautiful paintings they can create using different textures.

Cute Bunny Bookmarks

Directions: Cut out a basic bookmark shape from a heavier weight white paper with some long bunny ears. Add a bunny face, pipe cleaner whiskers, and cotton balls to decorate your bunny bookmark! Bunny Bookmark template available at:

www.thebestkidsbooksite.com/craftdetails3.cfm?CraftID=80



Bunny Ears



Craft Materials

Cardboard egg carton

Scissors

Pink Crayon

Headband

Glue Gun

1. Use scissors to cut out ear shapes from the edges of the egg carton top.
2. Color the insides of the ears with pink crayon.
3. Finish by gluing the ears to a headband with the glue gun.

Craft idea available at:

<http://jas.familyfun.go.com/arts-and-crafts?page=CraftDisplay&craftid=10290>

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