

It's Hat Day! January 15

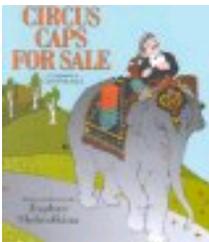


Description of Program: Celebrate Hat Day every January 15 with stories, games, fingerplays and more! National Hat Day is set aside to wear and enjoy a hat of your choice and style. How wonderful that hats come in all shapes, colors, sizes, uses and styles! Wear a hat, show your personality!

Program Plans: There are program ideas that are perfect for younger children as well as older students. Through books, music and hands-on activities, children will learn about the history of hats and the fun they bring.

Books:

***Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina (9780201091472).** A band of mischievous monkeys steal every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree. What a classic tale! Instead of reading this tale, act it out! *Encourage the children to shake their fists and stamp their feet just like the monkeys in the story.*



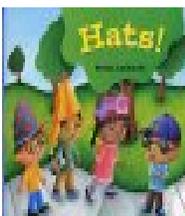
***Circus Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina (0060296569).** A peddler who sells caps by balancing them all on his head is invited to do an act in the circus.



***The Hat* by Jan Brett (0399231013).** When Lisa hangs her woolen clothes in the sun to air them out for winter, the hedgehog, to the amusement of the other animals, ends up wearing a stocking on his head.



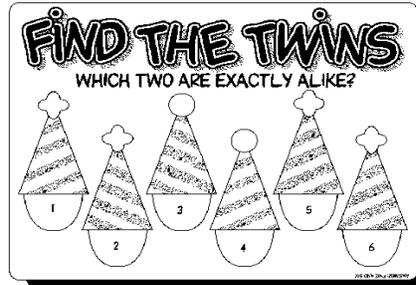
***Peedie* by Olivier Dunrea (0618356525).** A little goose named Peedie tends to forget everything except where to find his lucky red baseball cap.



***Hats!* by Kevin Luthardt (0807531715).** When three friends meet a mean boy who insults their hats, they make a friend of him.

Activities:

The children will enjoy this fun activity! Check out the website for more ideas!

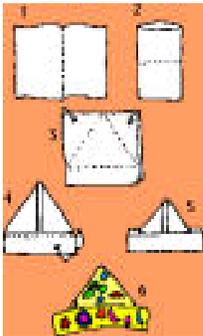


<http://homeschooling.about.com/library/bltwinshat.htm>

A Silly Hat (song)

A silly hat, a silly hat
I wear it on my head cause that's where it's at
And I know it looks as funny as can be.
A silly hat, a silly hat
I wear it on my head cause that's where it's at
And I like it cause it feels like part of me.
It may be too big or it may be too little
It might even have a whole in the middle
It might be colored red or blue or green
And if someone saw my silly hat
That I had on my head cause that's where it's at
They'd think it was the funniest thing they'd seen
But I like it cause it feels a part of me!

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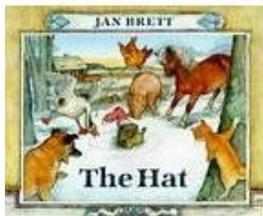


Nifty Newspaper Hats (craft)

To make one of these hats you will need a sheet of newspaper, some glue, scissors, and either brass fasteners, a stapler, or small safety pins. First take the sheet of newspaper and fold it in half. Next fold each top corner down until they meet at the center. Next fold up a cuff at the bottom on the front and back side. Fold over the ends of the cuff and fasten them with a stapler, pins, or paper fasteners. Now open the hat and decorate it.

Get more details at

<http://www.thebestkidsbooksite.com/craftdetails.cfm?TopicID=584>



Make The Hat into a Play! (Reader's Theatre)

For your older readers, grades 3—5. Everything you need is included at www.janbrett.com/the_hat_play.htm

More information or questions?

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