


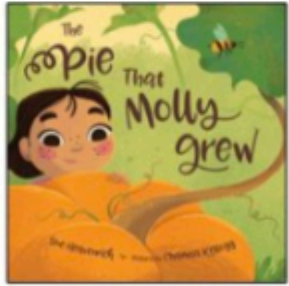

FALL bundle

apples | pumpkins | books | squirrels

Name: _____

Today we read The Pie That Molly Grew by Sue Heavenrich.

I can draw ____ pumpkin seeds.



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Fall read-aloud
fun with
kindergarten!

SCROLL
TO TAKE A LOOK INSIDE!

KINDERGARTEN LIBRARY LESSONS

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EASY-TO-FOLLOW LIBRARY LESSON PLAN

- Low prep
- Standards-based
- Interactive
- Step-by-step
- Includes extension activities for longer classes

Kindergarten Lesson Plan to use with any book

AASL Standards:
AASL IB.3. I can create something that shows what I am learning.
AASL ID.1. I can listen and learn new things today.
AASL VA.1. I can read a wide variety of books and media. I can use my voice to express my ideas and feelings.

Common Core
RLK.1. With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about what a story says explicitly and about what it says implicitly.
RLK.6. With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and identify their roles within the story.
RLK.10. Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and a common goal.

TEKS
LAK.5B
Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking

metacognition
to: get
adult
LAK.6
incre
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Read
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Pleas
Lakes

Kindergarten Lesson Plan (continued)

Lesson:
Read a squirrel-themed book from my list or one you already own. For example, instead of reading a squirrel book from my list, you can read a squirrel book that you already know and love. Many of the books on my list will be available at your local public library or can be purchased and added to your school library.

the name of the author and illustrator. Remind them of

Kindergarten Lesson Plan (continued)

Lesson Extensions for those with longer class periods:

Find a related nonfiction article on a database for young students, like PebbleGo. Read the article together, showing it on your projection screen. Ask students whether the plant or animal story acted like or looked like the real plant or animal does.

Read the book a second time, but teach the students a sign to substitute for a key word in the story. When that word comes up in the story, point to them so they know to silently sign the word.

Technology Connections:

Students can draw with the free Doodle Buddy app instead of, or in addition to, paper.

Take pictures of student work and share it in a digital portfolio like Seesaw. Parents will be able to see what students are working on in the library.

Sample Monthly Plan
Week 1: read a squirrel book and students draw on a squirrel drawing page
Week 2: read a different squirrel book and students color a squirrel coloring page
Week 3: read a different squirrel book and students make play dough letters on the squirrel drawing page
Week 4: read a different squirrel book and students draw on a different squirrel drawing page

Kindergarten Lesson Plan (continued)

Video Lesson Extensions

If you have a longer time with your young students, add one of these video lesson extensions. Movement and yoga videos will help your students learn relaxation and mindfulness as they develop coordination of their large muscles. The drawing lessons from Art for Kids Hub are also fun and will help your students develop their fine motor skills!

Be prepared to pause the videos if students struggle to keep up with the instructions. You can repeat these on subsequent visits. You can also share these links on your library website, for families who like to extend school learning at home.

[Outdoor Squirrel Yoga \(1 minute\)](#)
[Art for Kids Hub How to Draw a Squirrel \(7 minutes\)](#)
Watch a short video about [why squirrels dig](#) (3 minutes)

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KINDERGARTEN STANDARDS

- ★ author & illustrator
- ★ key details in a text
- ★ generate questions about text
- ★ pictorial response to text
- ★ engage in group reading activities



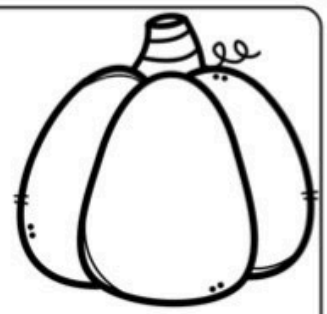
DRAWING & COLORING PAGES

3 coloring/drawing pages to use with ANY book for that theme.

Name: _____

Today we read a book about a pumpkin.

I can draw a part that I remember.

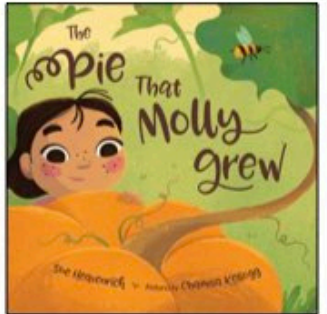



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10 drawing & coloring pages per theme for books on the list.

PLAY DOUGH PAGE

for each theme



Practice fine motor skills

Name: _____
Today we read a book about apples. I can make an apple from play dough.

apple

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Name: _____
Today we read a book about books. I can make a book from play dough.

book

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Name: _____
Today we read a book about a squirrel. I can make a squirrel from play dough.

squirrel

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Name: _____
Today we read a book about a pumpkin. I can make a pumpkin from play dough.

pumpkin

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LIST OF 10 RECOMMENDED BOOKS

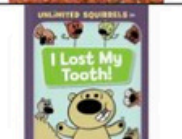
for each theme

★ Borrow from public library

★ Great read-alouds

★ Add to your library collection

★ These books are suggested, NOT required!

| Recommended Squirrel Books | |
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| <p><u>Girl Versus Squirrel</u> by Hayley Barrett (2020): Pearl builds three bird feeders for her backyard and tries to protect the bird food from squirrels with clever contraptions. When she finds out that the squirrel needs the nuts to feed her family, Pearl turns her engineering skills toward helping the squirrels. This would be perfect to read, and then build or draw squirrel feeders afterward.</p> |  |
| <p><u>Cyril and Pat</u> by Emily Gravett (2019): Do your students love it when they know something that the book characters don't know? They will be laughing out loud as you read this story of a squirrel and his best friend, who he thinks is a squirrel. As it turns out, Pat is a rat. Can they still be friends?</p> |  |
| <p><u>The Golden Acorn</u> by Katy Hudson (2019): The animal friends from <u>A Loud Winter's Nap</u> return in this story about teamwork. Squirrel is the fastest creature in the forest, and she is proud of the trophies that prove it. But this year's race is a team competition, and Squirrel has to learn to work with her friends. There are so many fun details to discuss in the illustrations!</p> |  |
| <p><u>I Lost My Tooth!</u> by Mo Willems (2018): Zoom Squirrel lost his baby tooth, and the other squirrels search frantically for it. "Emote-acorns" let readers know about the squirrels' feelings, and back matter explains squirrel facts, making this a good choice for a fiction versus non-fiction lesson. This colorful cartoon style will remind you of the Elephant & Piggie series.</p> |  |
| <p><u>The Secret Life of Squirrels: Back to School!</u> by Nancy Rose (2018): In this adorable picture book, real squirrels are photographed in back to school settings, like shopping for school supplies with a tiny shopping cart. The story shows teachers getting the school ready for the start of the school year.</p> |  |
| <p><u>How to Find a Friend</u> by Maria Costa (2017): A rabbit and a squirrel, both searching for a friend, keep missing each other, until helpful little bugs help them literally bump into each other. You'll have fun sharing this story as your students will see how close the friends are to finding each other!</p> |  |

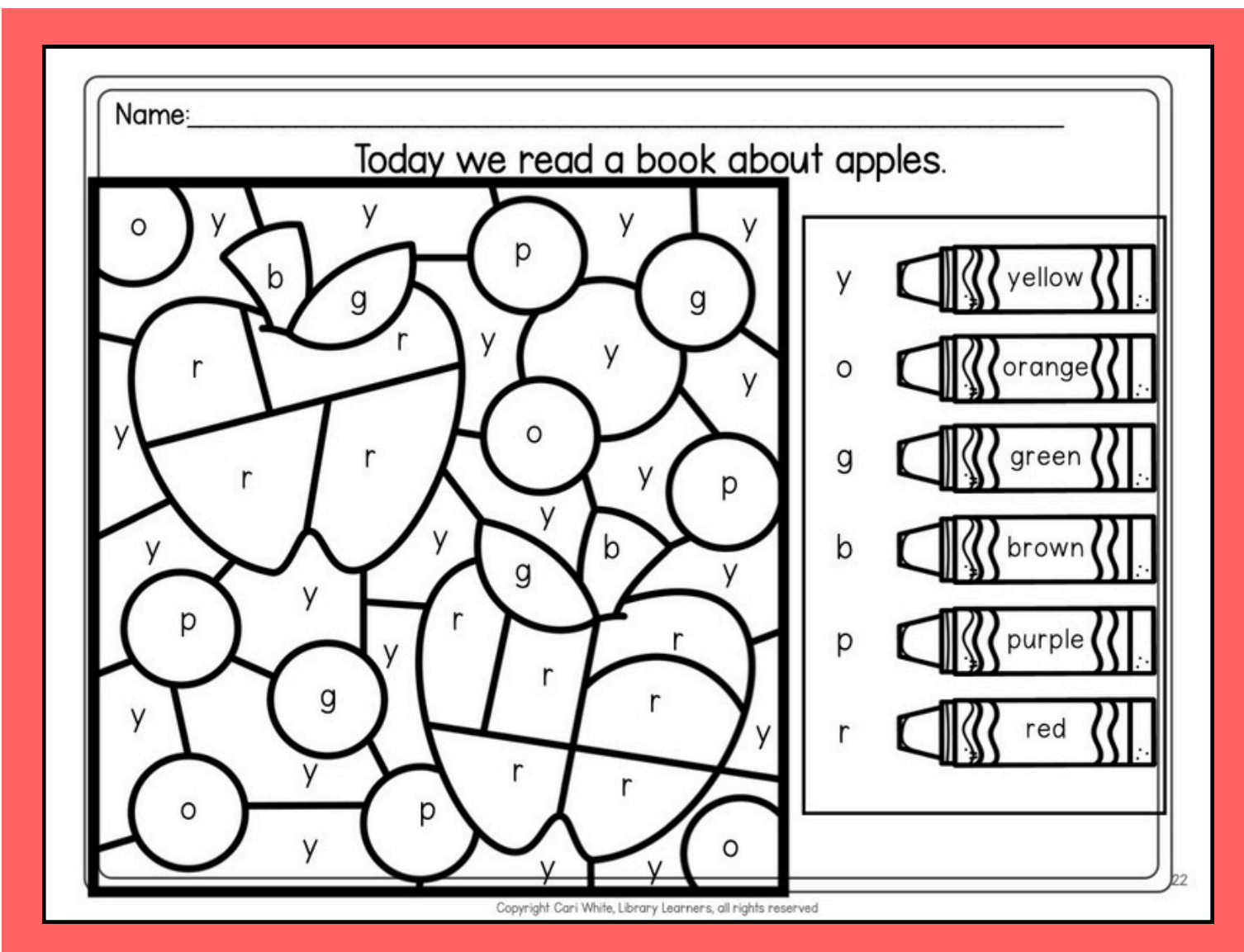
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| Recommended Squirrel Books | |
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| <p><u>Bear and Squirrel are Friends</u> by Deb Pilutti (2015): Bear's friends tell him that Squirrel would make a good midnight snack, especially after Bear wakes up hungry from hibernation. But Bear and Squirrel also have so much in common, like gathering blueberries and acorns, and they like helping each other. This story is funny and suspenseful at the same time.</p> |  |
| <p><u>Squirrel-ish</u> by Bambi Edlund (2024): A rat envies the royal treatment and free peanuts that squirrels enjoy at the park. He tries to create a squirrel costumes from items he finds at the park, only to discover the downside of squirrel life—being chased by dogs. The rat's trials and errors make for a funny story about how the grass isn't always greener on the other side of the fence.</p> |  |
| <p><u>The Leaf Thief</u> by Alice Hemming (2021): Squirrel loves to count the colorful leaves on his tree, but he is alarmed when he finds one missing. He scurries through the woods, searching for the thief who stole his leaf. Squirrel finds peace at last when Bird explains that the wind is blowing the leaves away, like it does every year. This story has a great soundscape on the Novel Effect app, and the illustrator created coloring sheets that you can download here.</p> |  |
| <p><u>Good Night, Bat! Good Morning, Squirrel!</u> by Paul Meisel (2016): Do your students know the science word "nocturnal?" This story provides a great illustration of that science concept, as a bat and squirrel share a nest, since they sleep at different times. They communicate through writing notes, as Squirrel initially tries to get rid of the unwelcome guest. After several misunderstandings, they become friends in the happy ending.</p> |  |

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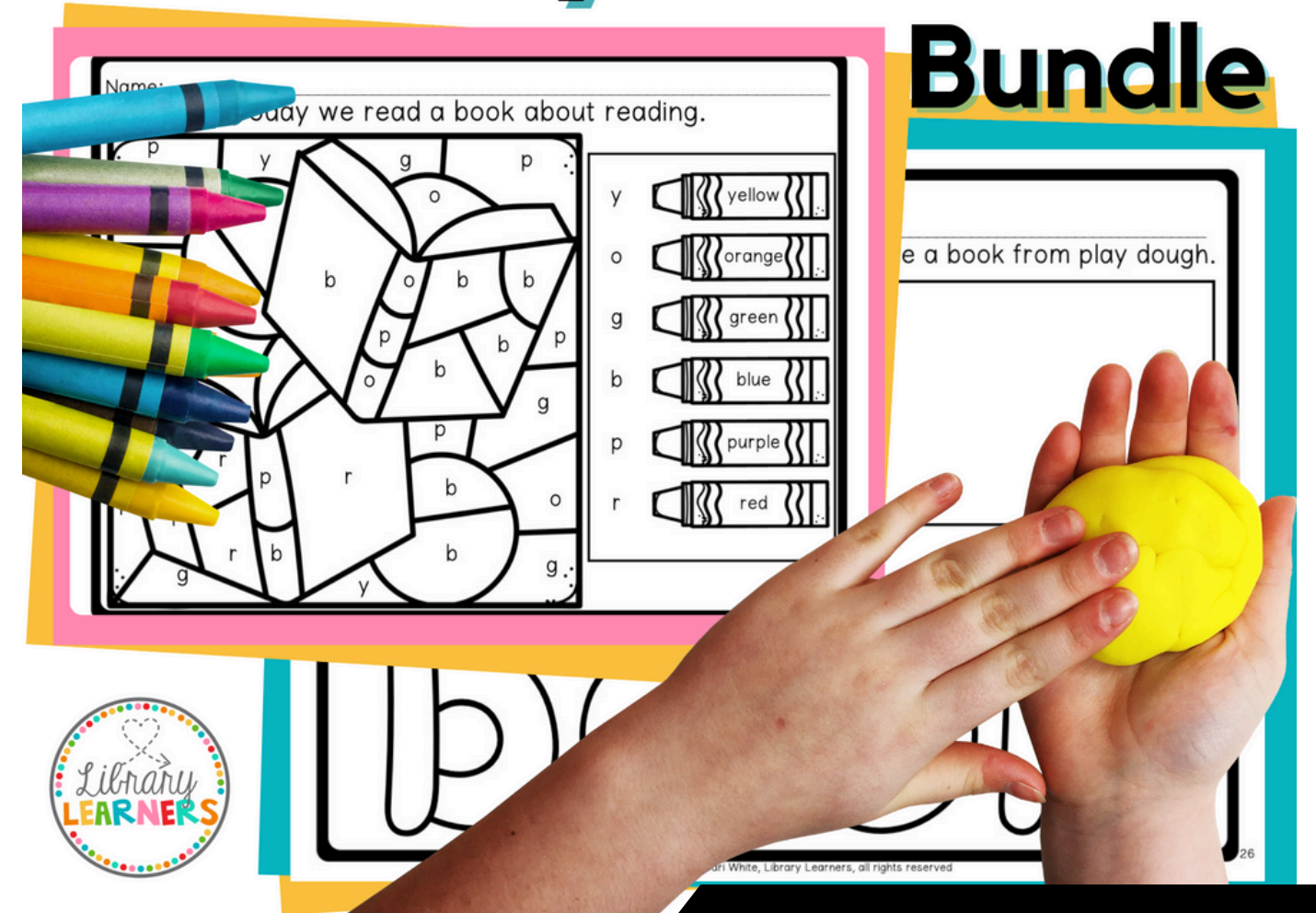
“Great fall unit for kindergarten. **Loved the activities and book suggestions,** and also loved the option to use other books with the resources. (Sunny H.)”

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-Cheryl B.

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