

# 210 PreK Library Lessons



21 themes

book lists for  
engaging read alouds

fingerplays &  
action songs

flannel board stories  
with clip art

complete instructions  
& planning pages



Your PreK classes  
can be the best  
part of your day!

**SCROLL**  
TO TAKE A LOOK INSIDE!



# ENGAGE YOUR PRE-K LEARNERS

## WITH...



➤ the most **fun** read-alouds

➤ felt board activities

➤ active songs

➤ fingerplays

➤ routines & structure

# ROUTINES ARE KEY FOR THIS AGE!

## Sit Down Song (to the tune of Frere Jacques)

I sit criss cross  
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Eyes on you  
Eyes on you  
Both hands in my lap  
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Quietly (sing in a whisper voice)  
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## The Formula for Check Out Time

This formula should take about 15 minutes, once your routines are established.

1. Teacher walks students into check out area. Teacher or paraprofessional stays with students to assist with restroom emergencies. Students sit in one long line, facing librarian.
2. Librarian says, "Welcome back to the library. Let's sing our sit down song!"
3. Sing "sit down song" together.
4. Librarian says, "Now let's breathe together. Watch my fingers, and take long breaths through your nose with me."
  - Breathe in, one, breathe out.
  - Breathe in, two, breathe out.
  - Breathe in, three, breathe out.
  - Breathe in, four, breathe out.
  - Breathe in, five, deep breath out."
5. Librarian says, "Now we're ready to check out books! If you brought your book baby back to the library, then you get to choose a new book baby to take back to class with you."
6. Call students a few at a time to choose books from a tabletop or bookshelf that you have prepared for them.
7. Have students scan their library card and barcode under the scanner, then return to sit at their spot in line to "read" their book.

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A song to sit down



A song for book care



A routine for story  
time



A routine for check-out  
time



A song for goodbye

# MAKE READ-ALOUDS INTERACTIVE FOR EVERY THEME

- ★ Read a fun story about pumpkins
- ★ Then count pumpkins on the flannel board
- ★ Then sing and move to "Ring Around the Pumpkin!"

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**Traditional Version**

Five Little Pumpkins sitting on a gate.  
 The first one said, "Oh my! It's getting late!"  
 The second one said "There's a frost in the air."  
 The third one said "But we don't care."  
 The fourth one said "Let's run and run and run."  
 The fifth one said "I'm ready for some fun!"  
 Then "oooooo" went the wind and OUT went the light  
 And five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

**My New Library Version**

Five little pumpkins rolled up to school  
 The first one said, "The air is getting cool."  
 The second one said, "Let's open this door."  
 The third one said, "I see kids and more."  
 The fourth one said, "I grew from a seed."  
 The fifth one said, "Let's find a book to read."  
 Then "shhh" went the librarian and CLAP went the kids,  
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# 21 THEMES INCLUDED

- Library & Book Care
- Bats
- Bears
- Bugs & Butterflies
- Community Helpers
- Dinosaurs
- Fall
- Farm
- Fish
- Gingerbread
- Kindness & Friendship
- Pets
- Polar Animals
- Pumpkins
- School
- Spring
- Summer
- Transportation
- Weather
- Winter

Each theme can last  
6 weeks!



# HAPPY LIBRARIANS SAID...



“ This has been **the most amazing resource**. My preschoolers love every song, every book, and every activity. I had no idea how to approach pre-k, coming from a middle school, but this completely walked me through it. **Cannot recommend enough.** (Kaitlin B.) ”

“ This is so wonderful, thank you! I only have experience teaching upper elementary and I appreciate how this was **organized so nicely** and with **thorough explanations**. THANK YOU!! (Maci S.) ”