

Families for Literacy Program Newsletter

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Tutors: please go over this newsletter (whatever is appropriate) with your adult student and encourage him/her to visit the Story Times with their children, it's a lot of fun!

Redbud Library, 14785 Burns Valley Rd. Clearlake, **Thursday, 11:00 am.**

Middletown Library: 21256 Washington Street, Middletown, **Tuesdays, 11:30 am.**

Lakeport Library, 1425 N. High St. Lakeport, **Fridays, 10:15 am and 2:30 pm**



"Salad Dressing Easter Eggs" - simple marbled beauty for a few pennies:

Real easy and fun to do, even for tiny hands and so pretty! (Credit to *Crouton Crackerjacks*)

What you will need:

- hard boiled or blown out eggs
- white vinegar
- oil
- food coloring
- colander or vented clam shell like this: →
- paper towels
- rubber gloves - optional



What you will do:

Put a few eggs into the colander/clam shell and splash with white vinegar. Starting with your lightest color, put **one** drop of food coloring onto each egg.

Roll the colander around just **a couple of times**. Important: Do NOT roll the eggs more than a couple times or you end up with solid color eggs.

Take your second color and place a drop on just some of the eggs and roll a few more times.

Let sit for at least 5 minutes for the dye to set.

Rinse under cold running water.

Carefully pat dry with a paper towel and let fully dry on a wire rack for at least an hour, longer for blown out eggs because there might be some liquid still inside.

When they are completely dry rub the eggs with a little vegetable oil to make them shiny



A few notes:

- wear rubber gloves if you don't want dye on your hands. It stays on the skin for a few days.
- put plastic wrap on your counter under where you'll be drying the eggs. The dye tends to stain the counter tops.
- don't use more than 2 colors per egg. More colors become too blended.
- only place a few eggs in the colander at a time. Too many and they break the shells.
- make sure you let them sit the full 5 minutes. Any less time and the colors will be pastel and muted (which is fine if you're going after that look).
- and have fun! **Video instructions:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Itmwyv3nDBE>

The science behind it: Vinegar breaks down and softens the shell of the egg so the color can adhere better. If you were to submerge your egg fully in vinegar the shell will dissolve in a day and you will have a "naked" egg in a bouncy membrane - a fun experiment to do you with your little one also!

The Bunny Fingerplay

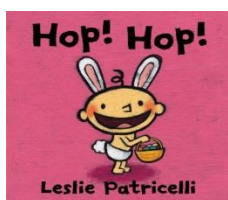
Here is a bunny (make a bunny with hand)
With ears so funny (wiggle ears)
And this is his/her hole in the ground (make a hole with other hand)
When a noise she hears (listen intently)
She pricks up her ears (straighten ears)
And jumps in her hole in the ground (make bunny jump into hole)



Egg Poem

Eggs come in many sizes.
Eggs hold some big surprises,
Speckled, brown, white, or blue.
Eggs hold babies that are new.
Chicks from eggs are fluffy yellow,
Chicks from eggs are funny fellows!

Easter books for the little ones:



Check them out at your local library:

Happy Easter! by Liesbet Slegers: This fun picture book describes springtime and the different things we do to help celebrate Easter.

Home for a Bunny by Margereth Wise Brown: Generations of children have followed this furry, lovable bunny on his springtime journey to find a home. A family favorite since 1956, Margaret Wise Brown's simple yet playful tale is perfectly complemented by Garth Williams's exquisite artwork.

Hop! Hop! by Leslie Patricelli; Board book: The Easter bunny is coming, and there are eggs to color and a basket to prepare.

The night before Easter by Natasha Wing: In this version of Clement Moores's classic poem, two siblings witness the nighttime arrival of the Easter Bunny.



Here comes the Easter Cat! by Deborah Underwood: When Cat tries to replace the Easter Bunny, he soon learns that the job is much harder than he expected--and does not allow time for naps.

Pete the cat. Big Easter adventure by Kimberly and James Dean: Pete the Cat is appointed as an unwitting helper to a troubled Easter Bunny and races to deliver eggs before time runs out, in a tale complemented by a poster, punch-out cards, and stickers.

