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Storytime Starters

Dirty/Messy/Mud (Spring 2018)

Books for Toddlers:

Little Rabbit Gets Messy by Kathleen Amant, © 2008. (GROWING, Amant)

One Duck Stuck by Phyllis Root, © 1998. (CONCEPTS, Root)

Preschool to the Rescue by Judy Sierra, © 2001. (ANIMALS, Sierra)

Trashy Town by Andrea Zimmerman, © 1999. (CPC, Zimmerman)

Books for Preschoolers:

Bringing the Outside In by Mary McKenna Siddals, © 2016. (NATURE, Siddals)

Cat Jumped In! by Tess Weaver, © 2007. (ANIMALS, Weaver)

Dig In! by Cindy Jenson-Elliott, © 2016. (NATURE, Jensen-Elliott)

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion, © 1956. (CPC, Zion)

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More! by Karen Beaumont, © 2005. (CPC, Beaumont)

I'm Dirty! by Kate McMullan, © 2006. (CPC, McMullan)

I Stink! by Kate McMullan, © 2002. (CPC, McMullan)

Max Cleans Up by Rosemary Wells, © 2000. (CHARACTERS, Wells)

Mud Fairy by Amy Young, © 2010. (STORIES, Young)

School-Age Extension:

Mattland by Hazel Hutchins, © 2008. (GROWING, Hutchins)

The Pigeon Needs a Bath by Mo Willems, © 2014. (FAVORITES, Willems)



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Fingerplays & Songs :

Washing

(Tune: "All Around the Mulberry Bush")

This is the way we wash our hands

Wash our hands, wash our hands.

This is the way we wash our hands,

Early in the morning.

Additional Verses:

... dust and sweep

... clean up our toys

(Adapted from traditional)

Bumping Up and Down

Bumping up and down in my little
garbage truck,

Bumping up and down in my little
garbage truck,

Bumping up and down in my little
garbage truck.

Won't you be my darling!

Going round the curve in my little
garbage truck (x3)

Won't you be my darling!

Laughing with my friends in my little

garbage truck (x3)

Won't you be my darling!

Bumping up and down in my little

garbage truck (x3)

Won't you be my darling!

(From:

<http://www.thelearninggroove.com/little-red-wagon>)

Two Mother Pigs

Two mother pigs lived in a pen

(Hold out thumbs)

Each had four babies and that made ten

(Show fingers and thumbs)

These four babies were black as night

(Hold up four fingers on one hand)

These four babies were black and white

(Hold up four fingers on the other hand)

All eight babies loved to play

(Wiggle fingers)

And they rolled and rolled in the mud
all day.

(Roll hands around each other)



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At night, with their mother, they curled
up in a heap

(Make fists)

And they squealed and they squealed
till they all went ... to ... sleep

(Turn fists over, palms up)

(From:

<http://www.surlalunefairytales.com/storytime/pigs/index.html>)

Sticky Bubblegum Game

Pass out imaginary Super Sticky
Bubblegum. It sticks to anything but
player's legs. Slap your legs and chant:

Sticky, sticky, sticky bubblegum

Bubblegum, bubblegum,

Sticky, sticky, sticky bubblegum,

sticking our hands to our _____.

(cheeks, shoulders, hair, mouth, etc.)

The bubblegum-covered hands get
stuck until everyone says, "Unstick!

Pull!" or "And you pull them, and you
pull them, and you pull them away!"

(From:

<http://www.songsforteaching.com/hu>

ghhanley/stickybubblegum.htm)

Mud

I like mud.

I like it on my clothes.

I like it on my fingers.

I like it on my toes.

Dirt's pretty ordinary,

And dust's a dud.

For a really good mess-up

I like mud.

(From:

<http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems81.html>)

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Big Book: Cookie's Week; Smart, Clean Pigs

Flannel Boards: Digging in the Dirt, Five Pink Piggies, Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash (with book)

Prop Stories: Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash (2 to choose from: MAD & HAW)

Movies: Harry the Dirty Dog (DVD, 9 min.)

App: Sago Mini Monsters

Stamps: Max, Paw Print, Pig

Craft Ideas: Max template, shallow trays, glue (glue sticks work best) & sand

Play Literacy: Play the Garbage Day Game

Have kids pretend they are driving a garbage truck. Stop at each child and say, "We are stopping at *Josh's* house. *Josh*, what are we picking up in your garbage today?" *Josh* says what goes in the garbage and then the truck goes to the next child's house.



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Early Learning Tip:

Sing a clean-up song

Singing breaks words up into their smallest parts, which lets children hear these sounds more easily. This will help them later in school, when they need to sound out words.

Singing a clean-up song will also help your child with the transition from one activity to the next.