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Storytime Starters

Theme: Socks (Fall 2017)

Books for Toddlers:

New Socks by Bob Shea ©2007. (FAVORITES Shea)
A Pair of Socks by Stuart J. Murphy ©1996. (CONCEPTS Murphy)
Duck Sock Hop by Jane Kohuth ©2012. [No MPL copies]
Socksquatch by Frank W. Dormer ©2010. (STORIES Dormer)
Have you seen my new blue socks? by Eve Bunting ©2013. (FAVORITES Bunting)

Books for Preschoolers:

Sally and the Purple Socks by Lische Bechtold ©2008. (FAVORITES Bechtold)
Ducks don't wear socks by John Nedwidek ©2008. (STORIES Nedwidek)
Martha Moth Makes Socks by Cambria Evans ©2006. (ANIMALS Evans)
Lizette's Green Sock by Catharina Valckx ©2002. (ANIMALS Valckx)
Beep and Bah by James Burks ©2012. (no MPL copies)
I have a balloon by Ariel Bernstein ©2017. (FAVORITES Bernstein)

School-Age Extension:

Bink & Gollie (ch. 1) by Kate DiCamillo & Alison McGhee ©2010. (READER DiCamillo)

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Fingerplays & Songs :

Ten Little Socks

From: *Literacy Play: over 300 dramatic play activities that teach pre-reading skills* by Sherrie West and Amy Cox

Ten little socks hanging on the line,
One blew off and now there are nine.
Nine little socks hanging by the gate
One flew away and now there are eight.
Eight little socks wave up to heaven
One fell down and now there are seven
Seven little socks hung between two sticks
One blew away and now there are six.
Six little socks dancing alive,
One slipped off and now there are five.
Five little socks hung high above the floor,
One was knocked off and now there are four.
Four little socks as high as a tree,
One got stuck and now there are three.
Three little socks all clean and new
One disappeared and now there are two.
Two little socks drying in the sun
One's very faded so there's really just one
One little sock left hanging on the line,
Let's take it down, it's probably mine.

(sung to "If You're Happy and You Know It")

From: [Susan M. Dailey](#)

Someone's at the door. I hear knocks.
(click tongue 3 times, pretend to knock)
I open up the door. I see a box.
(shout hurray)
I open up the box. The box is full of locks.
(open the box to show 2 or 3 padlocks)
I really do not want a box of locks.
(say boo hoo, pretend to cry)

Repeat with socks & rocks, then sing:

Someone's at the door. I hear knocks.
(click tongue 3 times, pretend to knock)
I open up the door. I see a box.
(shout hurray)
I open up the box. The box is full of blocks.
I really, really want a box of blocks.
(clap and cheer)

Idea: Get 4 boxes and fill them with the items mentioned in the song. OR use the "box of socks" flannelboard

I See a Box



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Five Pairs of Dirty Socks

(Sung to the tune "Grand Old Duke of York")

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Five pairs of dirty socks on my bedroom floor,
Mom washed the blue pair and then there were four.
(Remove blue pair)

Four pairs of dirty socks that belong to me,
Mom washed the red pair and then there were three.
(Remove red pair)

Three pairs of dirty socks, what's a kid to do?
Mom washed the green pair and then there were two.
(Remove green pair)

Two pairs of dirty socks, I wear them when I run,
Mom washed the white pair and then there was one.
(Remove white pair)

One pair of dirty socks rolled up in a ball,
Mom washed the last pair, my favorite pair of all.
(Remove gray pair)

No more dirty socks, Mom washed them all today,
But wait until tomorrow,
cause there're more on the way.
(Scoop up socks and hold them up)



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Big Book:

The Jacket I Wear in the Snow (HPB)

Flannel Boards & Prop Stories:

Ducks Don't Wear Socks (HPB)

[Cat/Hat] Fox/Socks Rhyming Game (HPB)

Ten Pairs of Socks (HPB)

Socks for Supper (HPB)

Box of Socks (HPB)

Apps: Blue Hat Green Hat by Loud Crow (and Sandra Boynton!) **OR** Metamorphabet by Vectorpark (you'll need to play this one all the way through the letter "S" to get to "socks")

Movies:

The Snowy Day (SCLS)

The Hat (SEQ)

Stamps:

Stocking (PIN), yarn (HPB)

Craft: Sock Memory Game

Play Literacy:

Sock Matching Game-- Hand out all of the socks from the "Ten Pairs of Socks" flannel story (or one sock from each pair) to the children—one sock per child. Hold up a picture of the one of the socks (or the other half of the pair of socks that you kept) and ask the kids to bring the matching sock(s) to the flannelboard. Talk about the details that make a match ("This sock is white with RED stripes, this one has BLUE stripes" etc.). This game is a good pre-cursor to learning about letter recognition

Early Learning Tip: Matching (or discerning what is the "same" or "different") is an early math skill. Play a sock-matching game with your child the next time you do laundry to build those skills!



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