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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’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)
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!

(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)
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)

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)

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
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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.
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.