Madison Public Library's
Storytime Starters

Penguins

Books for Toddlers:

Bob and Flo by Rebecca Ashdown, © 2015. (ANIMALS, Ashdown)
Grumpy Pants by Claire Messer, © 2016. (GROWING, Messer)
If You Were a Penguin by Wendell and Florence Minor, © 2009. (NATURE, Minor)
Little Penguins by Cynthia Rylant, © 2016. (FAVORITES, Rylant)

Books for Preschoolers:

Blue Penguin by Petr Horacek, © 2015. (ANIMALS, Horacek)
Flight School by Lita Judge, © 2014. (ADVANCED, Judge)
Hello, Penguin! by Kathryn Williams, © 2017. (+598.47 Williams)
I’ll Wait, Mr. Panda by Steve Antony, © 2016. (GROWING, Antony)
Penguin & Tiny Shrimp Don’t Do Bedtime! by Cate Berry, © 2018. (ANIMALS, Berry)
Sergio Makes a Splash! by Edel Rodriguez, © 2008. (GROWING, Rodriguez)
Waddle! Waddle! by James Proimos, © 2015. (ANIMALS, Proimos)

School-Age Extension:

Flora and the Penguin by Molly Idle, © 2014. (FAVORITES, Idle)
Penguins Don’t Wear Sweaters! by Marikka Tamura, © 2018. (NATURE, Tamura)

Fingerplays & Songs:

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If You’re a Penguin and You Know It
If you’re a penguin and you know it
Flap your wings (flap, flap)
If you’re a penguin and you know it
Flap your wings (flap, flap)
If you’re a penguin and you know it
And you really want to show it,
If you’re a penguin and you know it
Flap your wings (flap, flap)

If you’re a penguin and you know it
Shuffle your feet (shuffle, shuffle) …
If you’re a penguin and you know it
Eat a fish (yum, yum) …
If you’re a penguin and you know it
Go for a swim (swim, swim) …
(From:
http://www.clpgh.org/research/parentseducators/educators/earlychildhood/programs/penguins.html)

Penguin Shuffle
Penguins shuffle, shuffle

To the left, left, left.
Penguins shuffle, shuffle
To the right, right, right.
Give a little wiggle.
Give a little hop.
Waddle round the iceberg.
Never want to stop!
(From:
http://www.clpgh.org/research/parentseducators/educators/earlychildhood/programs/penguins.html)

Penguins Having Fun
(Tune: “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”)
Penguins, penguins having fun
Waddling in the winter sun.
Waddling fast and waddling slow,
Waddling to and waddling fro.
Penguins, penguins having fun
Waddling in the winter sun.
(From:
I Know a Little Penguin

I know a little penguin
Who sat on some ice blocks.
He lived in Antarctica,
And he climbed on some rocks.
He snapped at a walrus,
And he slid on the ice.
Then he snapped at a whale,
And that wasn’t very nice.
The penguin was hungry.
He didn’t need a dish.
He jumped into the ocean
To catch some fish!

Romp and Play
(Tune: “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”)

Watch the penguins romp and play,
Sliding on the ice all day.
Dressed in coats of black and white,
They are such a funny sight.
Watch the penguins as they play,
On a cold, cold winter day.
(From: http://www.preschoolexpress.com/music-station08/penguin-songs-jan08.shtml)

Little Penguins
(Tune: “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”)

Little penguins black and white
On the ice, what a sight!
See them waddle, see them glide.
Watch them as they slip and slide.
Little penguins black and white
On the ice, what a sight!
(From: http://www.preschoolexpress.com/music-station08/penguin-songs-jan08.shtml)
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**Big Book:** Tacky the Penguin

**Flannel Boards:** Five Little Penguins, Six Little Penguins, Ten Little Penguins

**Prop Stories:** Pippa’s Penguins

**Movies:** A Sick Day for Amos McGee (DVD, 10 min.), The Tender Tale of Cinderella Penguin (VHS, 10 min.)

**App:**

**Stamps:** “P”, Tiny Snowman

**Craft:** Penguin Pictures – Using any materials you have on hand, encourage the kids to be creative and create a penguin picture or puppet. (For example, card stock, colorful construction paper, crayons, scissors, glue, shape stickers, and craft sticks prompted the creation of amazing artwork at LAK!)

**Play Literacy:** Share the images and names of five different penguin species.

**Early Learning Tip:** Introduce new vocabulary by talking with your child about winter and the activities, clothing and weather associated with it.