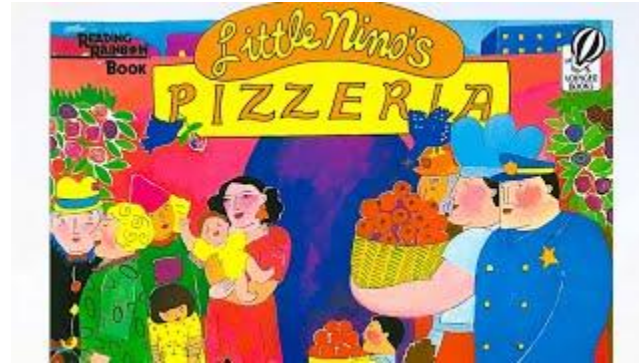
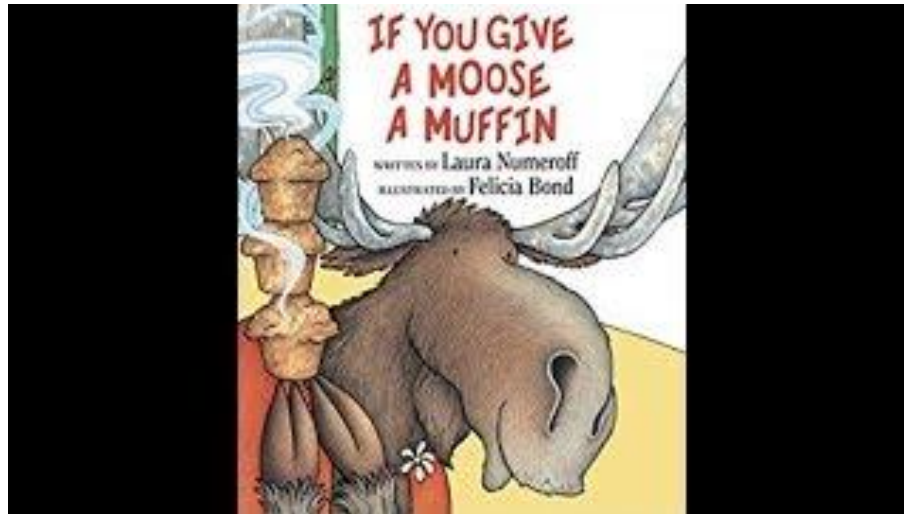


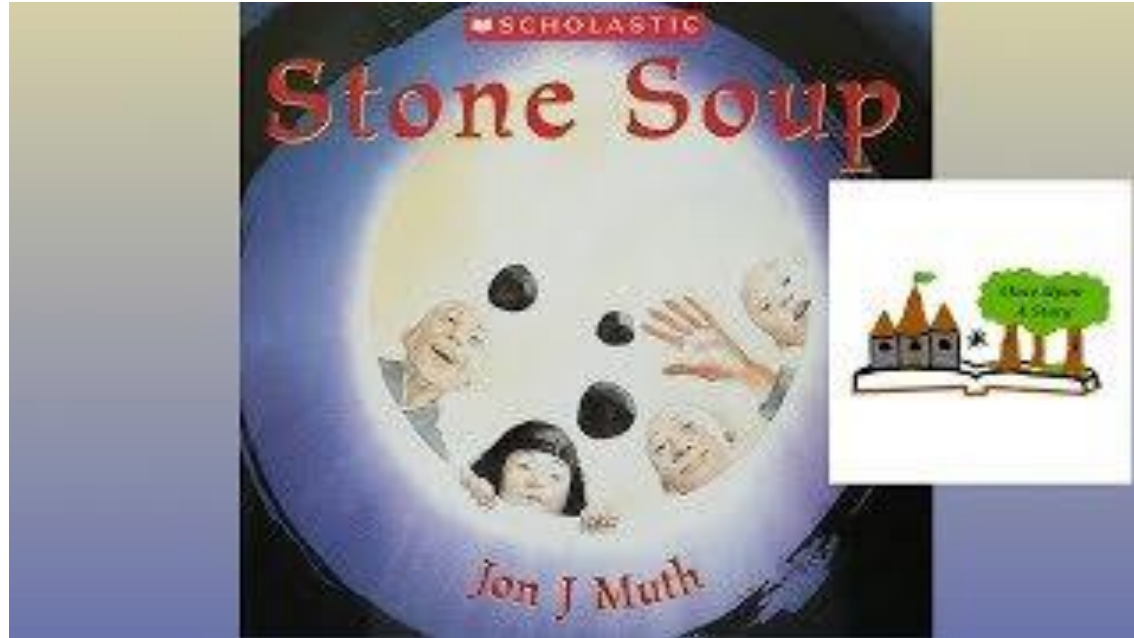
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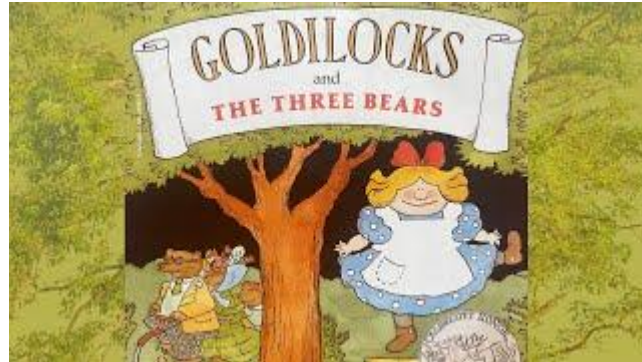
If You Give a Moose a Muffin



Stone Soup



Goldilocks and the Three Bears



Independent Reading #2: "See the World–Through Books!"

Project / Activity: "Travel Channel Film Festival"

In this independent reading project, you will become an explorer, a reader, and a travel guide—all at the same time. For the concluding project, you will create a short, creative video (4 minutes) as if you are hosting a segment on a travel show. Your job is to invite viewers to visit the setting of your independent book, showing what makes this place (and time!) exciting, interesting, or important.

1. Choose a book to read independently

- You may select a fiction book, a biography, or an autobiography.
- Your book should have a clear, interesting setting—a time and place that affects the story.
- Ask Ann or Lori for suggestions if you're not sure what to read.

2. Pay close attention to the setting as you read

- Where and when does the story take place?
- What kind of environment is it? (Is it peaceful? Chaotic? Magical?)
- How does the setting affect the characters or the story?
- Take notes about what you notice!

3. Create a short "Travel Channel" video presentation (max 4 minutes)

- You'll pretend you're the host of a travel show.
- Your job is to invite us to visit the world of your book and explain why this setting is interesting, unique, or important.

4. Be creative!

- Describe the landscape, weather, buildings, or culture
- Use setting vocabulary and idioms
- Speak with energy, like a real travel guide

5. Concluding Activity: Travel Channel Film Festival

- On November 4 and 6, we will celebrate with a 2-day film festival
- We'll watch your videos and "travel the world" through storytelling.

Where and when does the story take place?

The story takes place in a thick forest during the daytime. The exact time isn't modern — it feels like a fairy-tale past with no technology, just a simple life in nature.

What kind of environment is it? (Is it peaceful? Chaotic? Magical?)

It's a calm, green, natural environment. The air is fresh, birds are singing, and sunlight shines through the trees. Inside the Bears' cottage, it's warm, safe, and smells like porridge.

How does the setting affect the characters or the story?

The forest makes the story feel mysterious and private. It allows Goldilocks to wander in and find the house by accident. The cozy cottage contrasts with the danger of being caught by the bears — it looks safe, but we know she could get caught at anytime.

Describe the landscape, weather, buildings, or culture

Use setting vocabulary and idioms

Go through the 5 senses

peaceful, quiet, cozy, wooden, sunny, green, warm

smells like porridge

birds singing, leaves crunching

soft chairs, warm beds, bowls of porridge

Rough Outline

Script Highlights (rough outline):

1. **Introduction:** Smile and welcome the audience — “Hello, travelers! Today we’re exploring a magical forest!”
2. **Describe the forest:** Calm, green, full of life and fresh air.
3. **Describe the cottage:** A warm, cozy wooden home with porridge on the table.
4. **Add suspense:** “But wait—someone has been here!”
5. **Story tie-in:** Mention Goldilocks and what she discovers.
6. **Conclusion:** “If you love peace, nature, and adventure, come visit the Cozy Cottage in the Woods!”