

Storytime

from a hospital, he diagnoses the dislocated wing and the toys help push it into place. The chapter ends with the sentence "And with that, he tucked his wing beneath the bear's arm as they strolled towards Doc's new home beneath the beech tree to a clearing in the rubbish."

Movement Activity

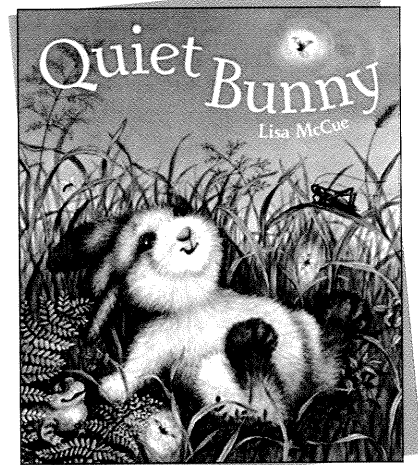
"Teddy Bear and Rabbits Turn Around," traditional, adapted by Rob Reid

Perform the traditional playground activity "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Turn Around" and repeat it with a "Rabbit, Rabbit" verse. Have the children stand and perform the movements mentioned in the rhyme. While they do that, hold up a teddy bear for the first verse, and a toy rabbit for the second verse.

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, turn around.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, touch the ground.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, tie your shoe.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, that will do.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, climb the stairs.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, say your prayers.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, turn out the light.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, say 'Good Night!'



Rabbit, Rabbit, hop around.
Rabbit, Rabbit, touch the ground.
Rabbit, Rabbit, tie your shoe.
Rabbit, Rabbit, that will do.
Rabbit, Rabbit, hop up the stairs.
Rabbit, Rabbit, say your prayers.
Rabbit, Rabbit, turn out the light.
Rabbit, Rabbit, say 'Good Night!'



Picture Book

Quiet Bunny by Lisa McCue (Sterling Publishing, 2009): This picture book features a young bunny that tries hard to make a noise. There are many sound effects for your audience to make. The book features the following noises:

Birds: "Tweet-tweet-tweet-tweet"

Breeze: "Shhhhhhhh"

Crickets: "Ch-cheet, ch-cheet"

Owls: "Hoooooooot"

Snakes: "Ssssssss"

Mosquitoes: "NNnnnnnnNNnnnnn"

Bullfrogs: "Croak, croak"

Wolf: "Ouuuuuuu"

Loon: "Lululuulu"

Hummingbirds: "HmmmMmmm"

Bear cub: "Grrrrr"

Bees: "Bzzzzzzzzz"

Bat: "WhaWhaWha"

It might be fun to have the children practice all of the noises before you start reading the book. They can then chime in at the appropriate places during the story. The plot itself ends with Quiet Bunny learning to make a "Thump" sound with his foot that leads to "Thump-da-Dum-Thump-da-Dum-Thump-da-Dum."

Picture Book

Sleepyhead by Karma Wilson and John Segal (Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2006): A cat says to its teddy bear, "Sleepyhead, Sleepyhead, Good night, good night, my Sleepyhead." The teddy bear stalls bedtime by asking for one more book to be read, and then one more hug. This is followed by more delaying tactics: one more kiss, one more drink, one more snuggle, one more cuddle, one more story, one more "gaze upon the night," one more "blankey," one more stretch, and one more yawn. The kids in the audience can act these out