

Scarecrow Unit

Books:

The Little Scarecrow Boy ~ Margaret Wise Brown

Jeb Scarecrow's Pumpkin Patch ~ Jana Dillon

Lonely Scarecrow (with cassette) ~ Tim Preston

Witch Hazel ~ Alice Schertle

The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything ~ Linda Williams

Barn Dance ~ Bill Martin Jr.

Six Crows ~ Leo Lionni

The Scarecrow's Hat ~ Ken Brown

Poems & Songs

Jingle Jangle Scarecrow

(tune: The Eensy Weensy Spider)

When all the cows are sleeping
And the sun has gone to bed,
Up jumped the scarecrow,
And this is what he said:

"I'm a jingle jangle scarecrow With a flippy floppy hat,
I can shake my hands like this And shake my feet like that."

When all the hens were roosting And the moon's behind the cloud
Up jumped the scarecrow,
And this is what he said:

"I'm a jingle jangle scarecrow With a flippy floppy hat,
I can shake my hands like this And shake my feet like that."

Scarecrow

(tune: "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around")

Scarecrow, Scarecrow, turn around.
Scarecrow, scarecrow, jump up and down
Scarecrow, scarecrow, arms up high
Scarecrow, Scarecrow, wink one eye
Scarecrow, scarecrow, bend your knee
Scarecrow, scarecrow, flap in the breeze
Scarecrow, scarecrow, climb into bed
Scarecrow, scarecrow, rest your head

Scarecrow Song

(tune: "Up On The Housetop")

Out in the field in a row of corn,
Stands a scarecrow so forlorn.
Crows on his head and crows at his feet.
He's the saddest scarecrow you'll ever meet.

Can't scare the crows,
Oh, no, no!
Can't scare the crows,
Oh, no, no!

Out in the field in a row of corn,
Stands a scarecrow so forlorn

Scarecrow Fingerplay

(tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a scary scarecrow made of straw,

(stand tall, and stretch out arms)

Listening for the crows to caw.

(cup hands to ears)

I watch the field all day and all night, too.

(hand to brow, searching motion)

If a crow comes by, I just say "Boo!"

(hands on your hips and shout Boo)

I'm a Little Scarecrow

(tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little scarecrow,

Raggedy and worn.

I wear a hat,

And a shirt that's torn.

When the crows come,

I wave and shout,

"Away from my garden ----

Get on out!"

Scarecrow

I'm a raggle-taggle scarecrow,

And to a stick I'm tied

I'm the guardian of the garden

A job I do with pride!

My jeans are torn and tattered

My body stuffed with hay

I flip and flap around

And scare the crows away!

Scarecrows

(tune: Sing a Song of Sixpence)

We're the farmer's scarecrows
We scare away the birds,
We keep the farmer's corn safe
Without any words;
But when Halloween comes
We jump out of the ground
And we scare the boys and girls
When they come walking 'round.
Boo!

I Am A Scarecrow Reading Activity

See my brown hat.
See my red shirt.
See my black crow.
See my blue pants.
See my black shoes.

Purchase one of those tall and inexpensive jointed cardboard scarecrows- Carson Dellosa has one or make your own. Attach him to the classroom wall or door, low enough for the children to touch and see pretty-much eye to eye. On sentence strips, write the above sentences, and attach them next to the appropriate part of the scarecrow to help the students read. This activity builds fluency, sight word vocabulary, and is a fun addition to Read the Room and Write the Room literacy centers.

MATH ACTIVITIES

Number Recognition through 10

Duplicate the crow patterns

http://www.4to40.com/images/Coloring_Book/crow.gif

to make eleven crows. Color and number them 0-10 and laminate.

*Explain the directions to the class.

*You will be the scarecrow in the field.

*Distribute the numbered crows to random students.

*When everyone is ready you call out "caw, caw, caw"

*The students with the crows must "Fly" up and arrange themselves in order from 0-10.

*The student's who do not have crows will call out "Caw, caw, caw" if the crows have arranged themselves in the correct order. If you see they are not in the correct order, you (the scarecrow) calls out "caw, caw, caw" again until they are correct.

*Have the crows number off loudly before you collect the crows and they return to their seats.

*Play this 2-3 times so that everyone has a turn being a crow.

Other Options:

**Reverse order from 10-0

**The scarecrow calls out for a specific number such as "Caw, caw, caw-who comes after 5?" 6 would fly up as the class "caws" for his correct answer.

Make a Scarecrow with Pattern Blocks

<http://www.thevirtualvine.com/pdf/fall/scarecrow.pdf>

Scarecrow Glyph

<http://www.kidscount1234.com/glydiirections.pdf>

<http://www.kidscount1234.com/scraecrowx2.pdf>

ART ACTIVITIES

Scarecrow Lunch Bag Puppet

Materials:

small size lunch bags

medium size lunch bags

various colors of construction paper

tape

glue

newspaper

*Stuff a small lunch bag half full of paper.

*Twist and tape the bag shut. (This will be the head)

*Cut facial features from construction paper and glue on.

*Use the medium size lunch bag for the body. (Opening side down)

*Cut an x in each side of the med.size bag near the top.

*Roll a piece of brown paper into a tube.

*Slide the tube through the x openings for arms.

(From 1 side through to the other) and secure with tape.

*Make a small cut in the bottom part of the med. size bag and push and glue the head into this.

*Make straw from thin strips of yellow construction paper for the hair.

These strips should also be glued around the neck and out of the arm tube openings.

*Cut squares, circles and other shapes for the patches and glue to the body of the scarecrow.

Scarecrow Self-Portraits

Staple two paper plates together, leaving enough room to stuff lightly with newspaper, then staple the opening close. This is the scarecrow's head.

Paint the front and back the color of your choice and, when it's dry, add facial features and hair to make it look like you. Insert a ruler or dowel where the neck would be.