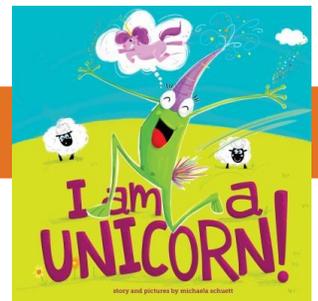
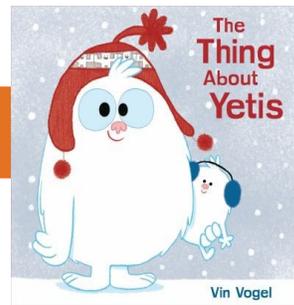
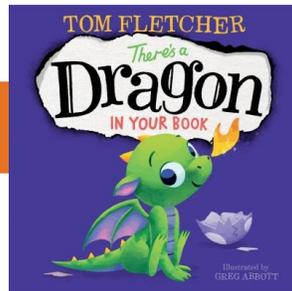


TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



tales' tip

"Having children act out stories with a variety of movements helps them develop their gross motor skills."

ECRR2 tip cards – Physical Development:
Gross Motor Development

activity

Make a magical no-mess paint experience! Print or draw a simple outline of a unicorn, dragon, or other fantastical creature. Tape to a smooth surface, like a table or window. Put 2 to 3 primary paint colors in a Ziploc bag and seal, then tape over the picture. Let your child squish and mix a magic rainbow of color! Talk about what they see and real animals that have beautiful colors.

digital fun

Take a calm down moment to do some stretches while acting like a fantastical creature! Follow the poses in the [video](#), adapting as needed for smaller children.

READ

Don't Splash the Sasquatch!

by Kent Redeker

Oona and the Shark

by Kelly Dipucchio

Not Quite Narwhal

by Jessie Sima

PLAY

Go on a yeti hunt! In your house or backyard, pretend you and your child are searching for a yeti. Make real obstacles— like a couch "mountain" or a blanket fort "cave"- or just pretend. Climb, run, and jump to help develop muscle strength! For extra fun, let your child choose items to put in an adventure backpack!

TALK

Talk about different fantastical creatures. Do they think unicorns or dragons could really exist? How would they be similar to real animals, like rhinos or lizards?

SING

I'm a Little Dragon

(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little dragon,

Strong and stout.

(flap arms like dragon wings)

Here is my tail,

Here is my snout.

(wiggle "tail," point to nose)

If you get me upset,

You better watch out!

(put hand on hip, shake finger in "no no" gesture)

I'll blow my flames

And stomp about!

(act like a ferocious dragon!)

WRITE

Use crayons, markers, or paint and let your child draw their own fantastical creature. Does it have wings or horns - or something entirely new? See what their imagination creates! Holding small tools like crayons strengthens the hand muscles needed to write.