

Johnson County Library's

BOOKS TO GROW

Kit Theme: **Homes**

- Book titles included:

1. **THIS IS MY HOUSE** by Arthur Dorros
2. **AND SO THEY BUILD** by Bert Kitchen
3. **IS THIS A HOUSE FOR HERMIT CRAB?** by Megan McDonald
4. **HOMEPLACE** by Anne Shelby
5. **THE MAID & THE MOUSE & THE ODD-SHAPED HOUSE**
by Paul Zelinsky

- Video:

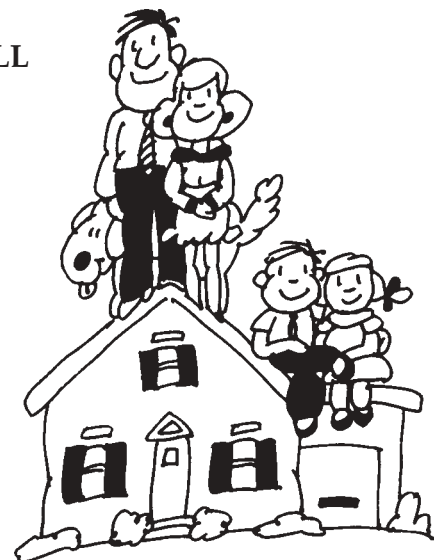
THE NAPPING HOUSE

- Audio:

A HOUSE IS A HOUSE FOR ME

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

GOODBYE HOUSE by Frank Asch
GOODBYE, HOUSE by Robin Ballard
BUILDING A HOUSE by Byron Barton
TOWN MOUSE, COUNTRY MOUSE by Jan Brett
THE LITTLE HOUSE by Virginia Burton
A HOUSE FOR HERMIT CRAB by Eric Carle
A LITTLE HOUSE OF YOUR OWN by Beatrice DeRegniers
MY HOUSE by Lisa Desimini
HOME PLACE by Crescent Dragonwagon
A VERY SPECIAL HOUSE by Ruth Krauss
FROM KING BOGGEN'S HALL TO NOTHING-AT-ALL
illustrated by Blair Lent
DOES A MOUSE HAVE A HOUSE? by Anne Miranda
HOUSES & HOMES by Ann Morris
IN OUR HOUSE by Anne Rockwell
OUR HOUSE by Emma Rogers
HOME: A COLLABORATION
IN A PEOPLE HOUSE by Dr. Seuss
COME OVER TO MY HOUSE by Dr. Seuss
SOMEDAY HOUSE by Anne Shelby
OH, WERE THEY EVER HAPPY! by Peter Spier
MINERVA LOUISE by Janet Stoeke
THE THREE LITTLE PIGS
I CAN BUILD A HOUSE! by Shigeo Watanabe



Activity Ideas – Homes

- Take a summer walk looking for animal houses in nature.
- Provide the children with boxes, blankets and blocks. Let them use chairs and tables to build their own homes. To challenge them, ask them to create a home for other animals. Encourage them to visit each other. What would you have to do if you were a bird and wanted to visit a fish?
- Make a hidy-hole house. Get a large appliance box, or drape a blanket over a card table. Children can make doors and windows where necessary, and decorate their house.
- Provide children with building blocks and let them build their neighborhood, city, etc. Then let them draw a map of what they've built.

THIS IS THE WAY WE SCRUB THE FLOORS

(Tune: *Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*)

This is the way we scrub the floors,
Scrub the floors, scrub the floors.
This is the way we scrub the floors
So early in the morning.

This is the way we sweep the house . . . etc.

This is the way we make the bed . . . etc.

What else can the children add?

THE HOUSE

This is the roof of the house so good.

*(Hold up hands – fingertips touching,
hands spread apart at the bottom.)*

These are the walls that are made of wood

(Extend hands parallel.)

These are the windows that let in the light.

*(Make a square by extending index
fingers up, thumbs out.)*

This is the door that shuts so tight.

(Make another square.)

This is the chimney so straight and tall

(Raise index fingers.)

What a good house for us, one and all!

(Extend hands in front, parallel to each other.)

(Fingerplays from *Let's Do Fingerplays* by Marion Grayson)

THERE WAS AN OLD LADY

There was an old lady
Who lived in a shoe.
She had lots of children
So they were crowded too.
She gave them all dinner
With butter and bread.
And read them all stories
And put them to bed.
(From *Literate Beginnings* by Debby Ann Jeffery)

VERY NICEST PLACE

The fish lives in the brook,
(Palms together, wiggle forward.)
The birds live in the tree.
*(Bend forearms at elbows & extend
upwards, cup hands & spread open.)*
But home's the very nicest place
For a little child like me.
(Point to self.)

HOUSES

Here is a nest for robin.
(Cup both hands together.)
Here is a hive for the bee.
(Make a fist.)
Here is a hole for bunny.
(Finger and thumb form a circle.)
And here is a house for me!
(Fingertips together make a roof.)



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