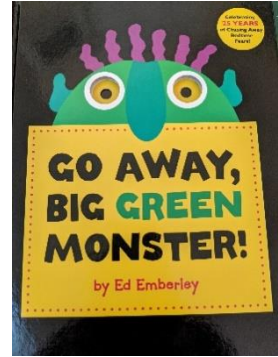


Go Away, Big Green Monster Activities

This book is a large, colorful book written over 25 years ago to chase away those scary nighttime monsters. It is a simple, colorful, and bright book that encourages kids' interaction as they learn to send that Monster away! Holly Ridge Center teachers love this book to teach colors, face parts, beginning numbers, waiting, and anticipation. The children love to see what's coming next and to tell that BIG green Monster to "GO AWAY!" A fun and engaging song that "sings" the book. Please see our video of Karen and Susana reading the book for you.



Tips for reading to toddlers:

- It's great to adapt the story to your child's attention span.
 - You can skip pages and not read all the words.
 - Talk about a few critical things in the middle and the end; that is a successful book reading.
- Think about ways to interact with the book beyond the pages.
 - Repeat the saying "go away" during your daily routines. Use exclamations!
 - Be animated and silly.
- It is okay to put the book down and use your hands or find things around the house to 'act out' themes in a book. Imitating facial gestures and pointing to face parts and other body parts is especially important.

Activities to do at home together:



Pumpkin Coloring: This activity encourages sensory stimulation using paints, glue, or pens. All three of these art forms assist in building fine motor and writing skills along with eye and hand coordination.

Use a pumpkin to paint, pin or glue on pieces to make your Monster pumpkin. Help your child to talk about sensory things-smell, touch, etc. Use pipe cleaners for the hair for more sensory if you want.

Playdough Fun: Playdough helps develop fine and gross motor skills, strengthens eye-hand coordination, and is calming and fun!



Use homemade or store-bought green play dough to make your Monster. Use Mr. Potato Head parts to fill in the face and or body if you want to expand the Monster!



Creating your own BIG Green Monster with the pieces on the following page: This activity supports early literacy skills, the blending of literacy and art skills, fine motor, allows for color identification, along with teaching eyes, ears, teeth, etc.

- There is a set of two monsters, so you and your child can make one.
- Use whatever you can find for your background if you don't have any green construction paper. You can color a white sheet of paper green and have your child help you.
- Let the child imagine where the pieces should go on their Monster. Name and reinforce colors and words as your child places them on their Monster. i.e., Two yellow eyes, sharp white teeth, etc.

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