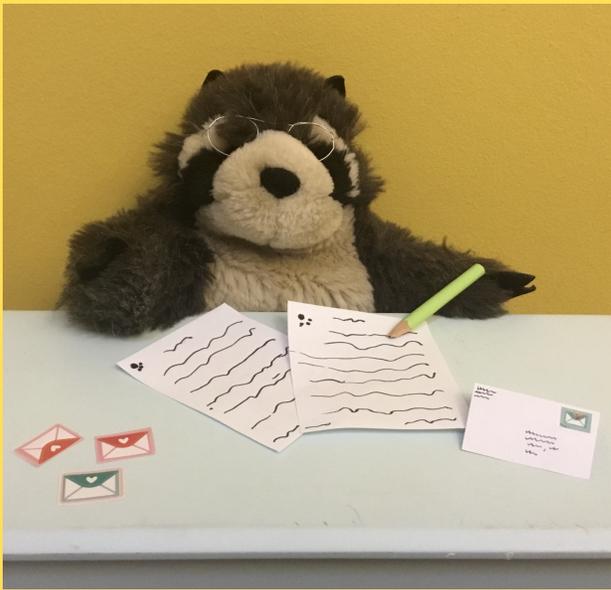


Ruby's Report

Activities for Babies & Toddlers
from Ruby the Raccoon and the
Saint Paul Public Library



Ruby is a Folkmanis puppet who loves books, songs, the library, and learning new things.

Welcome Parents and Caregivers! - The activities, rhymes, and songs in this newsletter are designed not only to be fun for you to read and explore with your child, but also to be tools for building your child's speaking and reading skills. Enjoy!

Ruby's Day

Ruby is missing her grandma and grandpa and her friends, so she has been writing them letters. She needs some help to write the words, but she draws all of the pictures and puts her letters into envelopes and sticks on the stamps. (Her favorite stamps are the ones with Sesame Street characters on them.) Then she puts her letters in the mailbox for the postal workers to deliver. Who would you like to write a letter to?

Literacy Note for Grown-Ups - Encourage your child to draw a picture. Talk to your child about it, and write captions for the picture together. This will help build the connection between speech and written language.

Ruby's Rhyme



A tisket, a tasket, a green and yellow basket.
I wrote a letter to my love, and on the way I
dropped it.
I dropped it. I dropped it.
And on the way I dropped it.
A little girl/boy picked it up, and put it in
her/his pocket.



Can you find
a pencil,
an envelope,
a mailbox, and a
letter on this
page?

Ruby's Nature Corner

On her walk to the mailbox, Ruby saw a red cardinal sitting in a tree. She was excited to hear it sing. She's learned how a cardinal sounds different from other birds. Next time you are outside, listen carefully: can you hear a bird singing?

