

Ruby's Report

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



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 loves to go for walks and play outside in the winter. Everything looks and feels so different! She always makes sure that she puts on her outdoor clothes before she heads outside. She has a fuzzy, warm hat with ear flaps and cozy, soft mittens. Can you see them in her photo? What special warm clothes do you wear when you go outside in the winter? How can you help get ready the next time you go outdoors?

Literacy Note for Grown-Ups - When dressing to go outside, actively involve your children in the process by asking toddlers what they need to put on next, and encouraging them to dress themselves as much as possible. For infants, describe what you are doing, even if your child is too young to understand the words. Your conversation helps develop your infant's language skills and lays the foundation for later reading.



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

Ruby's Nature Corner

Now that the weather is cold and wintery, Ruby has been noticing frost on her windows and on the roofs of her neighbors' houses. It's white, sparkly, and looks a little bit like snowflakes when she examines closely. After you wake up in the morning, see if you can notice frost on your window panes or outside your windows on the ground, roofs, or trees. Winter is here!



Ruby's Rhyme

Literacy Note for Grownups - Kiss your child's nose as you recite the following rhyme. Gestures that match the text of rhymes reinforces the meaning of language for young children.



Can you find
a pair of
mittens, a
snowflake, and
a hat on this
page?

Where did you get that little red nose?
Jack Frost kissed it; I suppose.
He kissed it once.
He kissed it twice.
Sweet little nose, as cold as ice!