



For grades  
**K-1**

# The Bookworm

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and Idaho's Read  
to Me program

**November 2010**

## Family Reading Week: November 14—20



Join the Curious Crowd  
**Read Aloud!**

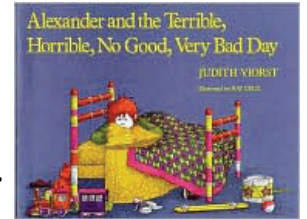
Many parents become library users when their children are toddlers and preschoolers. Many also know how important it is to read aloud to children in order to support their reading development. However, as their children get older and become readers themselves, parents often depend more on teachers for reading support, and become less aware of how libraries can continue to support their children and themselves through the years.

There's so much to see and do at your library! The library is a place the whole family can enjoy. In addition to reading and storytimes, many libraries offer game nights, arts and crafts, workshops, kids' clubs, adult clubs, teen programs, computer access, video games, movies, music, and more...at no cost!

Family Reading Week is an annual statewide celebration of reading as a family activity. The theme this year is "Join the Curious Crowd—Read Aloud." Libraries across the state are planning exciting events celebrating curiosity and reading aloud. So Join the Curious Crowd this November and have fun reading aloud with your child!

## Book of the Month

*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, by Judith Viorst



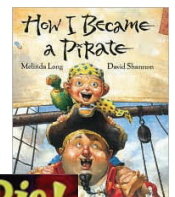
Alexander wakes up with bubble gum in his hair...and from there the day only gets worse! Teacher trouble, fights with brothers, dentist visits, lima beans... sometimes kids just have bad days— even in Australia. This is a great read-aloud for the whole family!



Judith Viorst has written several favorite children's books, including *Alexander Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday* and *Alexander Who's Not (Do You Hear Me? I Mean It!) Going to Move*

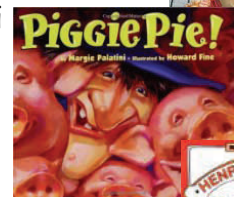
### More great read alouds:

*How I Became a Pirate*, Melinda Long



*Too Many Toys*, David Shannon

*Piggie Pie*, Margie Palatini

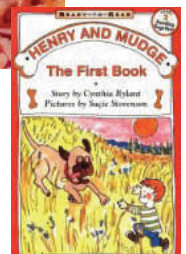


*True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, John Scieszka

*Fancy Nancy* series, Jane O'Connor

*Junie B. Jones* series, Barbara Park

*Henry and Mudge* series, Cynthia Rylant



## More fun with *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*

**Where in the world?** "Geography" is the study of people, places and locations.

In the story, Alexander wants to move to Australia. Help your child find Australia on a map or globe.



**Math connections...** Sixteen is the number Alexander forgot in the story. Here are some fun problems to work out with your child:

Which will be longer, the Alexander book you just read, or a row of 16 pennies? Guess first, then check your guess.

Can you share 16 pennies between two people? How many would each person get? How about three people? Four people?

Outside, can you find 16 of anything?

How many tens and how many ones are in 16?

What grade will you be in when you turn 16?

### Some Counting Rhymes

#### Skip Counting — Evens

If I start with number zero (*Hold up fist*)  
And jumped to two, I'd be a hero. (*Raise 2 fingers*)

And four and six and eight and ten (*Raise fingers accordingly*)

And then I'd start it all again.

#### Skip Counting — Odds

If I start with number one (*Hold up one finger*)

And skip the next one, just for fun, (*Hold up 2 more fingers*)

I'd land on number three, then skip

To five and seven and nine, then quit. (*Raise fingers accordingly*)

## Song

### It's a Small World

It's a world of laughter

A world of tears

It's a world of hopes

And a world of fears

There's so much that we share

That it's time we're aware

It's a small world after all

*Chorus:* It's a small world after all

It's a small world after all

It's a small world after all

It's a small, small world

There is just one moon

And one golden sun

And a smile means

Friendship to every one

Though the mountains divide

And the oceans are wide

It's a small world after all

*Chorus*

- Robert and Richard Sherman, 1964



### What your library can do for you...

Ask your librarian about special events and programs planned for Family Reading Week, November 14–20.

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