

Southern Cross Early Childhood School



Newsletter 8 | Tuesday 31 May 2022

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 1 June
Hats off day

Wednesday 8 June
Christian Education in Schools

Tuesday 14 June | 7.00
P&C Meeting – La Cassetta Pizzeria

Thursday 16 June
Kindergarten Health Screening

Friday 17 June
Kindergarten Health Screening

Dear families and friends

Welcome to week 6 everyone! I hope everyone had a lovely weekend and found some time to rest and connect with family.

Reconciliation Day

Yesterday marked Reconciliation Day here in the ACT.

Reconciliation Day is part of National Reconciliation Week and is a time for all Canberrans to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievement, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. This year's theme for Reconciliation Day is: Be Brave, Make Change.

Here is a video for you to watch at home: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Z-3Z_td_Ks

Election Day – Thank you!

Election Day was a lovely opportunity to open up our school and have our community connect outside after voting. It was also a wonderful opportunity for our hard-working P&C to host a BBQ, cake stall and raffle. I would like to thank all of our volunteers who helped on the day, those who baked cakes and also give a very big thank you to those who coordinated the day. We appreciate your efforts. Please keep reading for our P&C's next fundraiser!

School Board

At the end of last term our new school board members were elected. Welcome and thanks to Jasmine Glover for her commitment to the position of Board Chair. We also welcome Nicole Emerton and Elizabeth Marman as our new school representatives. Thanks to our ongoing board members Frances Stewart and Jasja Van Den Bos for their ongoing support and contribution.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing board members Sarah Hornby, Kathleen Johansen and Robert Day. Robert Day has held the position of Board Chair for many years here at Southern Cross and I would like to thank him for his contribution and steadfast leadership. Please keep reading below for some more information on the School Board's role in our school.

Warm regards

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From Southern Cross

School Improvement

There are various different ways that we continue to ensure our school is continually improving. Below you will find some of the ways that we look to improve here at Southern Cross.

School Board: The board meet twice a term with the Principal and staff members. There are three parent positions on the school board. The elected Board Chair closely liaises with the Principal to carry out the school visions through the School Improvement Plan and the Action Plan.

P&C: Every parent is a member of the Parents and Citizen's Association. Meetings are held twice a term. Our school principal attends these meetings to liaise with the school community.

School Improvement Plan: After a school review, the School Improvement Plan is written that guides school improvement for 5 years. Goals are made in two or three key areas (such as improving reading, writing or numeracy) and the school works towards improving these goals over the 5 years.

Action Plan: Each year Southern Cross Early Childhood School work in collaboration with the teaching team and School Board to develop an Action Plan. This has been formulated based on our longer-term School Plan and builds on our school improvement work each year. The plan sets out ways we intend to plan and support our children's learning, including their social and emotional well-being.

Professional Learning: Each member of the school engages in regular professional learning that supports the school to achieve their goals in the Action Plan each year. Teachers also have professional learning goals and professional learning helps them to achieve these goals.

School Satisfaction Survey: This important survey data provides us with information on varying aspects of school life that families feel we are doing well and ways we could improve.

Communication with families: Educators regularly speak with families to discuss children's learning. Formal meetings occur in week 2 of term 1 and in week 10 of term 2. Families are also welcome to talk with educators throughout the year. Educators listen to families and work together with them to improve learning outcomes for children.

End of May is Hats Off Day

Hope you are keeping warm this week - winter is certainly upon us! This week marks the end of May, that time of the year when we start to witness local UV levels dropping off and staying low (under 3) all day in Canberra - low enough for us to relax our normal school sun protection behavior, including hat wearing and sunscreen application.

Many years ago Cancer Council ACT coined the phrase - **End Of May is Hats Off Day** to assist Canberra primary schools and early childhood services with their hats on (and off) policy - incorporating a balanced approach to UV protection.

So, in keeping with the **End of May is Hats Off Day** jingle, all Canberra school students (and teachers) can leave their hats at home or replace it with a beanie as we enter in the low UV June and July winter months.

Please remember to pack appropriate clothes for your child at school. This may include a beanie, jacket, gumboots or layers of clothes which can easily be taken on and off. If you could clearly label items, that would be very helpful.

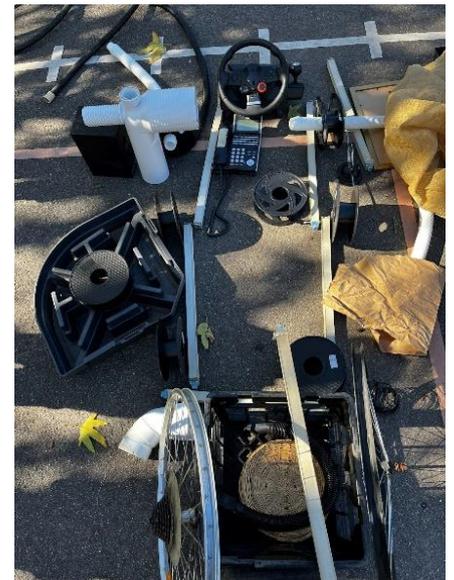


Play Workshop - Kindergarten

What an exciting start to the term it has been in Kindergarten! This term in Play Workshop we have been learning all about loose parts. Loose parts play experiences are open ended materials that can be manipulated, moved, controlled and changed. These materials can be either natural or constructed.

While the children enjoyed making and creating with the new loose parts, we came across some challenges. The children noticed that space was limited and we needed storage.

After brainstorming with the children, they came up with the idea of our very own loose parts shed. As a way to raise money, the children will host a **Lost and Found Market** where families will be able to buy the children's creations for a small amount.



Science @ Southern Cross Kindergarten

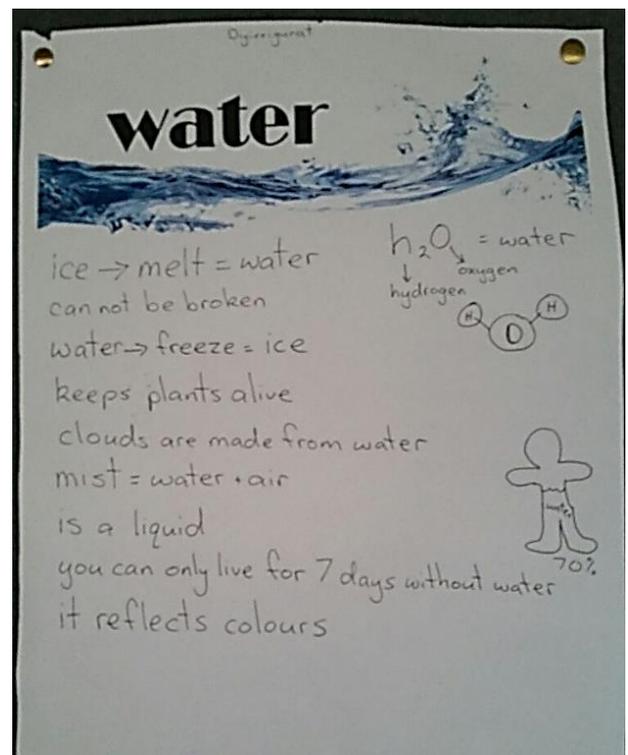
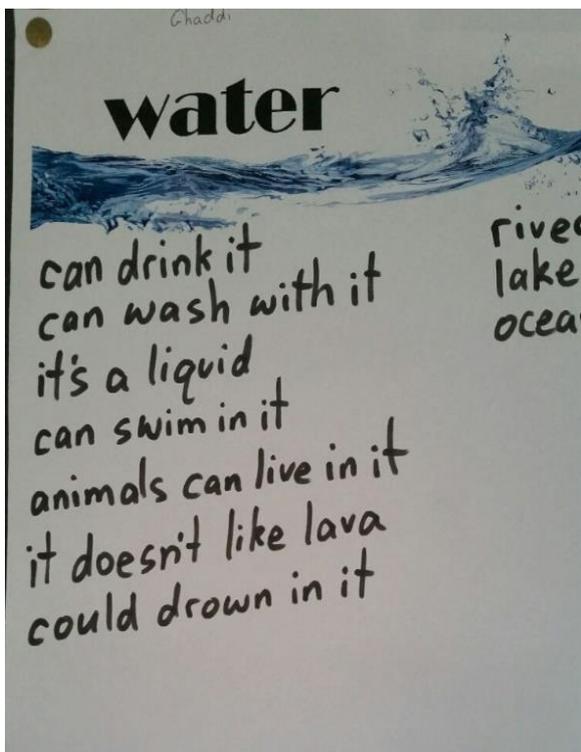
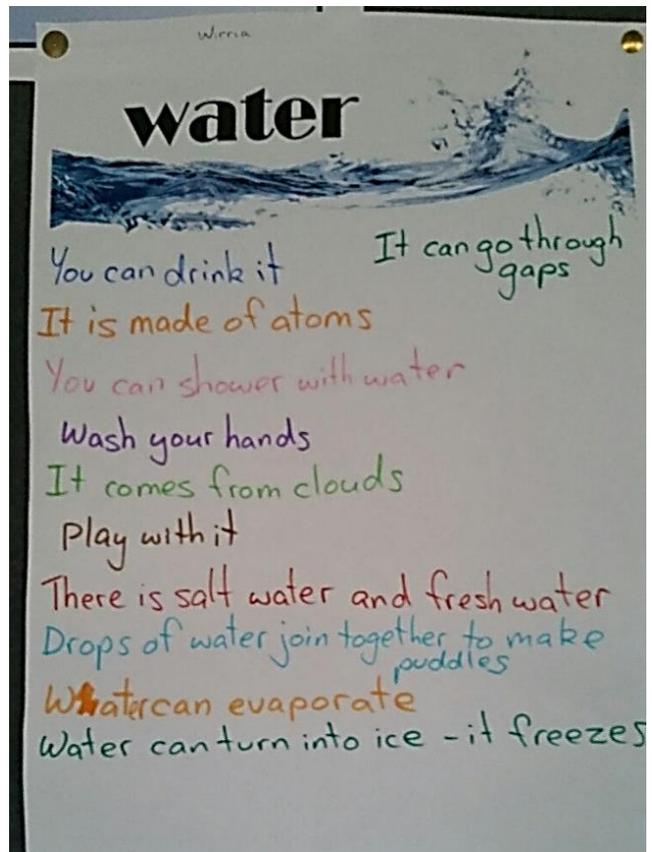
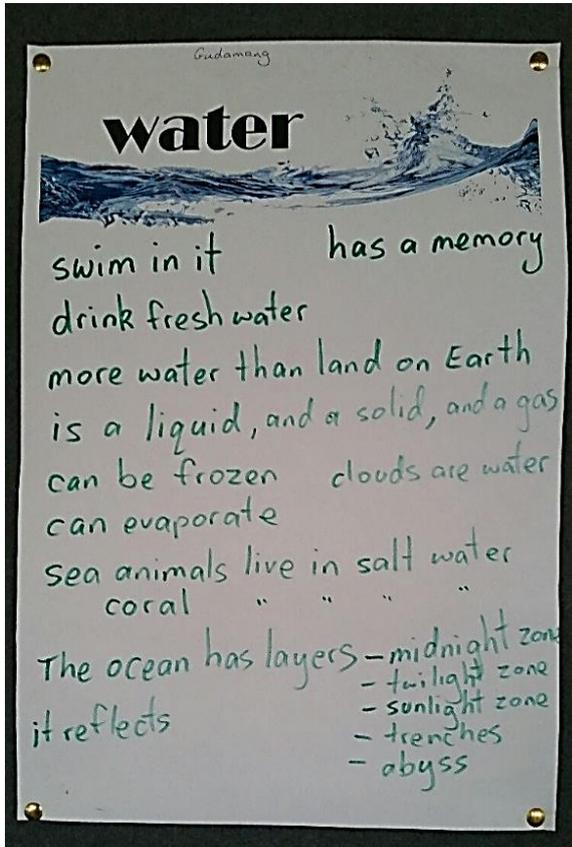
This term in science, kindergarten has been studying the weather. We have been watching videos about meteorologists and what they do, using the outdoor learning space to go outside and observing different types of weather. The children have also worked together to decide what clothes and activities would be appropriate for different weather conditions, and learning about the different seasons.

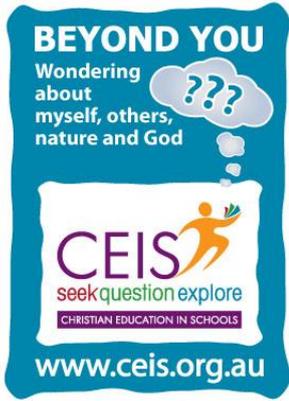


Dressing for the weather.

Year 1/2

Year 1/2 children are looking at **Water in our world**. Each class has brainstormed to identify what they already know as a class about water. Below you will see some of the extraordinary prior knowledge that our year 1/2 children have on water. Keep an eye out over the next few weeks for some progress updates.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Term 2 – Beyond you

Using an interactive game which takes a journey through the Bible, this term students will discover more about God.

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Christian Education In Schools (CEIS) occurs because parents request it for their children, under ACT legislation. If you would like to include your child in this program please contact Nicole at reception for a permission form. Your child will continue to attend if you have previously given permission. Sessions are coordinated by the CEIS project, using approved resources and volunteers.

Protective Behaviours

Over the next term, children across P-2 are going to be getting smarter about the big idea of personal safety. Protective Behaviours is an education program that provides children and carers with information and strategies on how to identify and deal with unsafe and threatening situations. Protective Behaviours consists of ten lessons which will be taught across the school as part of our social and emotional learning program.

Protective Behaviours Topics

Theme 1: We all have the right to feel safe at all times.

Theme 2: We can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is.

Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Theme 1	Theme 1	Theme 1	Theme 2	Theme 2
Feelings and feeling safe Rights of the child	Recognising early warning signs Early warning signs and safety	Risk taking on purpose and keeping safe Different people have different reactions	When to seek help Secrets	Networks Networks Invitation
Lesson 6	Lesson 7	Lesson 8	Lesson 9	Lesson 10
Theme 2				
Review networks Asking for help Persistence	Public and Private Safe and unsafe touches	Relationships and personal space	Saying no Being assertive	Revision of themes and concepts

Chief Minister's Reading Challenge

Once again Southern Cross Early Childhood School will be participating in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge and we are hoping to have as many children and families join in the challenge!

The Challenge is a great way to help you support your children in discovering the rewards of reading and developing a love of good literature. The Challenge is to read 30 books before Friday 19 August 2022.

At the completion of the Challenge, each child who returns their record sheet will receive a signed certificate from the Chief Minister to celebrate their achievement of meeting the Challenge.

Record sheets need to be returned by **Monday 22 August 2022**. If you need an additional sheet, please contact Nicole at Reception.

Happy reading!



“Every year, tens of thousands of students across the ACT participate in the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge.

“My hope for the Challenge is that every young person in the ACT discovers the joy reading can bring. Once you discover this joy a whole world of adventures awaits you, and the knowledge you can attain is limitless. To get the most out of the Challenge, try choosing books from different genres, sharing your favourite books and stories with your classmates. Join the Challenge and marvel at all the journeys reading can take you on!”

Andrew Barr MLA
ACT Chief Minister

Anglicare

School Holiday Program

Please take a look at the activities for our Winter School Holiday Program!

School Holiday Request Booking Forms will be emailed to families this week. Booking forms will need to be returned quickly to secure your place, last day for booking is **Tuesday 21 June 2022**. If you have not received a request form please contact southerncross@anglicare.com.au

All meals are provided for children attending the School Holiday Program. Additional fees are required for some activities.

Please note: **Walga Nature Preschool does not operate during the school holiday period.**

Winter School Holiday Program 2022

	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8
1	<u>Bike Track Fun</u> Bring your child's bike/scooter and let us explore the bike track and school grounds. Please remember your child's helmet!	<u>Chef's Day</u> Today the children will create their own meals, they will be provided ingredients and their own plate to decorate. Bon Appetite!	<u>Gross Science!</u> Let's get messy with gross science experiments. Not for the faint hearted! All sorts of gooey, yucky sciences will be covered, some of which will end up on you...	<u>Bowling Day</u> Do you like tenpin bowling? Can you lead your team to victory? Join in for a memorable day of bowling at Zone Belconnen! <i>*This excursion will incur an additional fee</i>	<u>Christmas in July</u> We know it's not the right date, but let's make Christmas pudding, watch Christmas movies, and snuggle in front of the Fire Pit with a hot chocolate!
	Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15
2	<u>Construction Day</u> Bring a box, big or small, and help to build our very own city by collaborating in teams and creating huge constructions.	<u>Art Day</u> Paint to express your thoughts, feelings and ideas or join us today to use cotton, wool, paper, glue, and scissors to create your own masterpiece.	<u>Mount Rogers Reserve</u> Jump on a bus with us and explore Mount Rogers Reserve. Discover the local nature, explore, and play in a calm environment.	<u>Picnic at the Treehouse</u> Bring your cuddly friend along for today's adventures as we play group games and enjoy a picnic under the trees.	<u>Pyjama Day</u> Put on a comfy outfit and enjoy a movie day and a dance party as only SCECS knows!!!!

Various activities are offered as an alternative for all programmed days. These include craft, construction, reading, music experiences, group games, outdoor activities, and free learning experiences. Feel free to bring your child's bike/scooter and helmet each day as we visit the Bike Track when we can.

Southern Cross P&C

Next P&C Meeting – 7PM Tuesday, 14 June (La Casetta Pizzeria)

Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, 14 June (week 8). Please come along and join us for dinner at La Casetta Pizzeria, across the road from the school at Scullin Shops.

If you have any agenda items and/or would like to come along please email scecspondc.secretary@gmail.com and let us know so we can ensure we book a large enough table for everyone.

Pie Drive - ORDER NOW! OPEN FOR 1 WEEK ONLY- orders close 8 June

It's back!! We are so excited to announce that we are partnering again with Anglicare and two wonderful local businesses to bring you the Pie Drive Fundraiser again!

Order now and have some delicious meals and treats from **Hudson's Catering** and **Sweet Bones Café Bakery** tucked away in the freezer - the Pie Drive is a great way to prepare for those cold, dark winter nights.

Orders are open NOW until COB next Wednesday 8 June 2022.

It's back!! **PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER**

MORE INFO AND TO ORDER:
[HTTPS://WWW.SUSTAINABLE-SCHOOL-SHOP.COM.AU/SOUTHERN-CROSS-EARLY-CHILDHOOD-SCHOOL/CUSTOM-STORE/SCECSPIEDRIVE](https://www.sustainable-school-shop.com.au/southern-cross-early-childhood-school/custom-store/scecsapie-drive)

ORDER BY: COB WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE (WEEK 7)
 PICK UP: THURSDAY 16 JUNE (WEEK 8)

HUDSON'S
CATERING

Lasagnes and cannelloni
Homemade pies
Sausage rolls
Spinach and Feta rolls
Brownies and apple pies
Banana loaf



Big John Cookie Dough
Cinnabon bake at home
Lentil pies
Tex-mex Lasagna



To order, please visit <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/southern-cross-early-childhood-school/custom-store/scecsdrive> and make sure you share with families and friends!

Items will be ready for collection between 3pm and 5.30pm on Thursday, 16 June (Week 8) at the school's Community Room. Appropriate social distancing must be followed.

Election Day BBQ- we raised \$2600!

Thank you so much to all of you who helped make our Election Day BBQ such a success. It was a wonderful event, we had a spectacular cake stall, creative raffle hampers (and an AMAZING raffle cake!) along with delicious Democracy Sausages! What we loved most about this event was that it had such a community feel with families gathering around our stalls, kids playing in the mulberry tree and enjoying the sunny weather.

This was a big event for us, and would not have been possible without help- so thank you to:

- All of the families that volunteered to man the BBQ/Cake Stall/Sell Raffle Tickets on election day.
- Our star bakers for the delicious assortment of baked goods and surprise bags.
- Those families who gifted lovely items for our raffle hampers, including Tina for baking the Raffle Cake.
- Our local suppliers- Hawker Village Bakery, Hawker Butchery and Bonza Bangers and Toms Superfruits.
- Our sponsors- Hudsons catering, Kynefin, Sweet Bones, Bunnings Warehouse, Hoyts, Book Passion, Deli Cravings, Wattlebird Canberra, Zumba with Naomi.
- Thanks also to all those P&C Members who helped ensure the day was so successful. 😊



Funds raised will go towards the school outdoor play environment- we'll be discussing where the funds can best be utilised at the upcoming P&C Meeting.



Election Day Raffle Winners (Winners have all been contacted)

First Prize: Vanessa;

Fourth Prize: Rachel;

Seventh Prize: AR Vivien Bolt;

Second Prize: Sumita;

Fifth Prize: Michelle H;

Eighth Prize: Pauline;

Third Prize: Lauren and Lachlan;

Sixth Prize: Nicole S;

Ninth Prize: P.Vukikomoala.



Second Hand School Clothing Donation Drive

Thank you everyone for your donations to the clothing pool this year! These sale proceeds support our school and community, therefore your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We currently have items available on the website - [Southern Cross Early Childhood School \(sustainableschoolshop.com.au\)](https://sustainableschoolshop.com.au)

We would always love more donations and appreciate quality school branded short and long sleeve polo shirts, jumpers, beanies and hats.

Monday to Wednesday next week (week 7) we will place tubs on the black top area at drop off and pick up time for you to place any clothing donations in. Nicole is also happy to accept donations at the school reception.

Please email the Clothing Pool Volunteer Coordinator (Christie) for any queries - scecsclothingpool@gmail.com

New School Uniforms – How we order and manage our uniform stock

Southern Cross uniforms are custom made to order - however there is a minimum order required for both style and colour (i.e. long sleeve blue shirts and short sleeve blue shirts are two separate orders). The P&C don't have the financial resources or storage to purchase all variations of our uniform in bulk at the same time, and a preference to use fundraising dollars for school improvement. As such, we alternate the purchase of colour and style uniforms over a two year cycle. This means that we will always have lower supply in one colour/style than the other and often sizes will sell out.

We are currently analysing sales data to develop a more accurate estimate of the number of uniforms required. Southern Cross P&C is committed to providing great uniforms for our school and appreciates families understanding that they may not always have a choice of colour or style, but they will always have a uniform available at the lowest cost we can provide.

The Southern Cross P&C recently ordered BLUE short sleeved polo shirts, with an expected delivery in late July. We will provide advice via the newsletter when the new shirts arrive. Given our limited supply of some school clothing there is no issue with layering up with any plain long sleeved shirts underneath uniforms to help keep kids warm.

Community Information

Another Chance Op-Shop

Another Chance op shop, will have 50% off the entire store from Friday 10 June – Saturday 18 June

Great deals throughout the store with new stock on display daily.

Choose from clothing, shoes, hats, bags, books, kitchenware, toys, linen, craft and much, much more.

Another Chance is truly a hidden gem with lots of bargains to be found. Find us at Scullin shops, Ross Smith Crescent, open 10am – 4:30pm weekdays and 10am – 1pm Saturday.



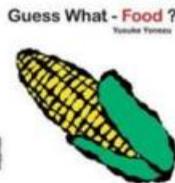
ACT Nutrition Support Service

Nourishing Little Minds – recommended books for children

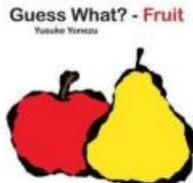
Surrounding children with healthy food messages can help create happy and competent eaters. Sharing books that portray healthy food is a great way to build interest and enjoyment of those foods without the pressure of eating them! As part of the **Nourishing Little Minds** program, we have created a list of great children's books which are also available to borrow from ACT Libraries.

Books for babies and toddlers

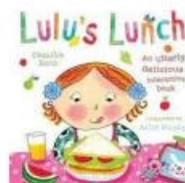
Guess what food?
By Yusuke Yonezu



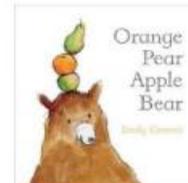
Guess what? - Fruit
By Yusuke Yonezu



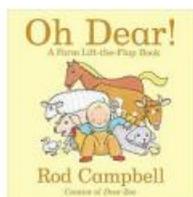
Lulu's Lunch
By Camilla Reid



Orange Pear Apple Bear
By Emily Gravett



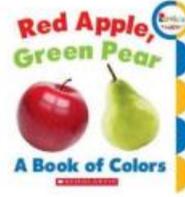
Oh Dear
By Rod Campbell



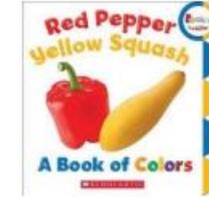
Eat Your Colors
By Scholastic



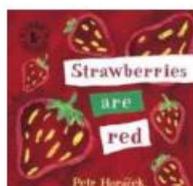
Red Apple Green Pear
By Scholastic



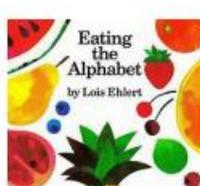
Red Pepper yellow Squash
By Scholastic



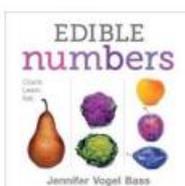
Strawberries are red
By Peter Horacek



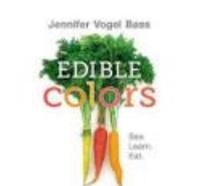
Eating the Alphabet
By Lois Ehlert



Edible numbers
By Jennifer Vogel Bass



Edible colors
By Jennifer Vogel Bass

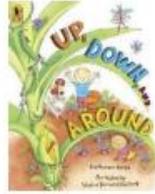


Books for preschoolers

I'm Having a Rainbow for Dinner
By NAQ Nutrition



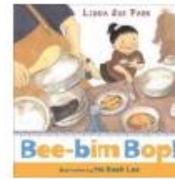
Up, Down and Around
By Katherine Ayres



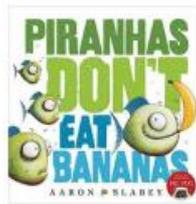
Handa's Surprise
By Eileen Browne



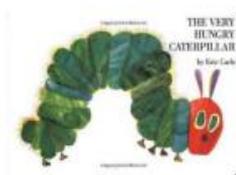
Bee Bim Bop!
By Linda Sue Park



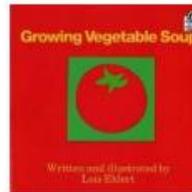
Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas
By Aaron Blabey



The Very Hungry Caterpillar
By Eric Carle



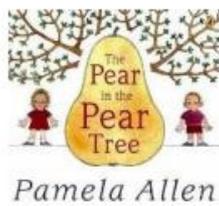
Growing Vegetable Soup
By Lois Ehlert



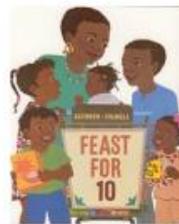
Chopsticks
By Amy Krouse Rosenthal



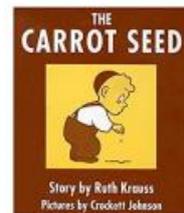
The Pear in the Pear Tree
By Pamela Allen



Feast for 10
By Cathryn Falwell



The Carrot Seed
By Ruth Krauss



10 Apples on Top
By Dr. Seuss

