

The Mayor's Book Club is pleased to present our Book-of-the-Month for October



Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

By Judith Viorst

It's Fun and Easy!

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst is the popular tale of Alexander's worst day. Alexander could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. He went to sleep with gum in his mouth and woke up with gum in his hair. When he got out of bed, he tripped over his skateboard and by mistake dropped his sweater in the sink while the water was running. He could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

It was a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. Nothing at all was right. Everything went wrong, right down to lima beans for supper and kissing on TV. What do you do on a day like that? Well, you may think about going to Australia. You may also be glad to find that some days are like that for other people too.

Tip #1: Repetition is critical in developing early reading skills. Read the book again but this time share with your child the good and bad parts of their day. Your child will associate reading with a sweet memory.

Tip #2: Enhance your child's vocabulary, comprehension, and conversation skills, all while discussing the "cause and effect" of Alexander's bad day.

Tip #3: Take time to look closely at the illustrations. Discuss with your child what he or she sees on each page of the book. For example, ask your child if they can name all the different things in each scene of the story.

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GUM
 HORRIBLE
 BAD
 DAY
 TERRIBLE
 TRIPPED
 SKATEBOARD
 CAR
 SICK
 CEREAL
 FRIEND
 TACK
 ICECREAM
 DENTIST
 CAVITY



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Did You Know?

One of the skills your child must acquire to get ready to read is **print awareness**. This just means noticing print everywhere, knowing how to handle books, and understanding that the words on the page have meaning.

To help your child develop this skill, when you read a book together, identify the title of the book, the author, and the illustrator.

Occasionally run your finger under the words as you read and let your child turn pages for you.

You can also point out the words on signs as you drive.



Images from scholastic books

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FAMILY FARM DAY AT THE LIBRARY (MASK REQUIRED)



- Relax at the Children's Department outdoor patio
- Bring a blanket or a chair
- Listen to stories about the farm and its animals
- Listen and dance to music
- Make a fun farm craft
- Meet animals from Bluebird Gap Farm hampton.gov/139/Bluebird-Gap-Farm
- Enjoy the animals from The Teeny Tiny Farm theteenytinyfarm.com
- Visit with the Mayor's Book Club

Hampton Main Library
Thursday, October 28, 2021
(in case of rain, the event will be indoors minus most of the animals)

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM



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The Buckroe Beach Farmers Market is held on select Saturdays from 9am - 1pm. Special "themed" market days, as denoted with an asterisk, are from 9am - 3pm.

Vendors will be located on the grassy area surrounding the Buckroe Beach gazebo located on First Street near East Pembroke Avenue.



2021 Market Dates

- October 2
- October 9
- October 16
- October 23*
(Vintage Market)
- October 30

BOOK PICKS

My Mouth is A Volcano

By Julia Cook



I Was So Mad

By Mercer Mayer

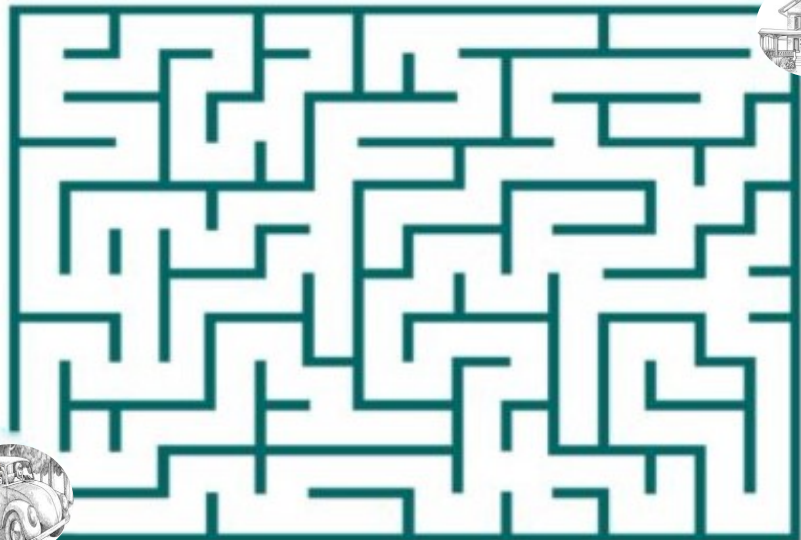


The Good-Bye Book

By Judith Viorst

I Am Enough

By Grace Byers



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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

What was in Alexander's hair when he woke up?

What did Alexander trip over when he got out of bed?



Where did Alexander have to sit in the car?

What did Alexander draw a picture of?

What number did Alexander leave out when he was counting?



FILL IN THE CHART WITH A CAUSE OR EFFECT.



CAUSE	EFFECT
I went to sleep with gum in my mouth...	
	I am going to be carsick.
Anthony made me fall where it was muddy	
	Nick said I was a cry baby.
	They made him buy plain white sneakers.

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