The Cat in the Hat’s Learning Library is a nonfiction series that introduces beginning readers ages five to eight to foundational concepts. Featuring beloved characters from Dr. Seuss’s The Cat in the Hat, the Learning Library titles explore a range of topics about the world we live in and include an index, a glossary, and suggestions for further reading.

“There is a big gap between the ‘concept’ books written for preschoolers and nonfiction that requires fluent reading skills. The Cat in the Hat’s Learning Library books provide the critical foundation upon which complex facts and ideas can eventually be built. In addition, the Cat in the Hat’s Learning Library shows young readers that books can be entertaining and educational at the same time. This is a wonderful series!”

—Barbara Kiefer, PhD, Charlotte S. Huck professor of children’s literature, Ohio State University, on the Cat in the Hat’s Learning Library series
Written in simple rhyme, this Cat in the Hat’s Learning Library book introduces early readers to the election process—with a focus on the American presidency. Revised to include sixteen pages of activities showing kids how to hold their own elections, this is an ideal choice when reading and talking about voting, whether you’re choosing a classroom pet or the leader of the free world! Readers will learn the basic principles of democracy, how political parties are formed, why Election Day is in early November, and much more.
Learn About Voting with the Cat in the Hat

Introduce the book One Vote, Two Votes, I Vote, You Vote to your students. Point out the cover illustration, title, and author. Though the cover features the familiar face of one of their favorite characters, the Cat in the Hat, let kids know that the book shares factual information. Can they predict what the book is about? Is voting something they’ve wondered about? What kinds of information or facts might they find inside? Get a sense of what they know and have students share their experiences with voting.

As you read aloud, point out and talk about words such as ballot, candidate, citizen, congresspeople, constitution, debate, democracy, elect, election, nomination, poll, president, rallies, and senator.

Extend the Learning Fun

• Explore how local elections impact your community and affect kids’ lives. Safe water, good roads, and parks to play in are all connected to who is in state or national office and running local government. Ask students to think about other ways local government affects them. What improvements could be made in your community? Have your class learn more about a local elected official and the office he or she occupies. Invite the official to your class to read a favorite Dr. Seuss title aloud, give a talk about the election process, and explain what their job is like.

• Look at the voting rights timeline in One Vote, Two Votes, I Vote, You Vote together. Why did some people not have the right to vote? Have students calculate how many years they have to wait until they can vote. How do they feel about that? What do your students imagine the next change in voting rights might be?
The Cat takes Sally and Dick to Africa, where they meet some really big cats and all sorts of other animals, too, including elephants, zebras, giraffes, hippos, warthogs, buffalo, baboons, side-striped jackals, spotted hyenas, galagos, pythons, vipers, and six kinds of antelope! Young readers will learn that elephants tend to favor one tusk over the other, how to tell the difference between a white rhino and a black rhino (both of which are gray!), that lion cubs are born covered with spots, and much, much more!

Bee hummingbirds, ostriches, flycatchers, chickadees, and bald eagles—Dick and Sally find themselves on a bird-watching tour led by the Cat in the Hat. After a quick lesson on what exactly a bird is, they travel around the world to observe our fine feathered friends in their natural habitats. Time flies, and soon it’s late, but the Cat saves the day by shifting his vehicle into Fine Feather All-Weather Flying Machine mode and flying Dick and Sally back home.

Find out all you ever wanted to know about insects when the Cat and company get an up-close view of life as a bug. Kids will learn how insects—from the spittlebug to the honeybee to the moth—see, smell, communicate, and pollinate, as well as sometimes pest and amaze and generally make life better for us humans.
Even More Animals!

The Cat in the Hat travels the globe in his trusty crocodile car to explore the world of reptiles: lizards, snakes, turtles, and crocodilians. Along the way, young readers learn the characteristics shared by most reptiles, basic information about each group, fun facts about individual species, and much, much more. Cool creatures featured include Komodo dragons, chameleons, geckos, cobras, leatherback turtles, frilled lizards—a virtual who’s who of the world’s most remarkable reptiles.

The Cat in the Hat takes Sally and Dick on a trip to show them how ponds are fascinating places teeming with life. From algae to snails, leeches, insects, fish, frogs, newts, turtles, ducks, swans, and more, the Cat explains how all different kinds of plants and animals make their homes in and around ponds, while also examining the difference between complete and incomplete metamorphosis and the various stages of frog development. Ideal for spring and summer reading, this beginning reader will inspire kids to get outside and explore!

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Safari Match!

Draw lines to match the animals on the left with the facts on the right.

1. Hippo
2. Lion
3. Leopard
4. Elephant
5. Zebra
6. Rock Python

A. This mighty animal is a constrictor, which means it squeezes its prey.
B. They can grow to eleven feet high and weigh ten tons.
C. Their skin can burn in the sun so they protect themselves with mud and water.
D. This animal lives together in groups known as prides.
E. Their spots are in circular patterns that are called rosettes.
F. They belong to the horse family and their stripes make them quite tricky to see.

Answers:
Make Your Own Animal Group Mobile!

Materials you will need:
Coat hangers • String • Tape • Reproducible on next page

Instructions

1. Copy the mobile on the next page, and hand out one to each student.

2. Have the students cut out each animal and group name. Help the students match each animal to its correct group.

3. Using tape and string of varying lengths, have students attach the pieces to their coat hangers.
Amphibian
Bird
Fish
Mammal
Insect
Reptile
Arachnid
What Is Pi?
For math and counting units, learn with the Cat in the Hat!

The Cat in the Hat makes calculating pi—one of the most fascinating numbers in mathematics—as easy as pie! Using a piece of string and two sticks, the Cat first shows beginning readers how to draw a perfect circle. Then, using a can and a piece of ribbon, he shows how to measure a circle’s circumference and diameter, and how to use those measurements to calculate pi. Also included is information about the history of measurement and famous Pi Pioneers!

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“Let’s start at the top with your brain. It is key. It controls all you do—helps you laugh, learn, and see.”

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The Cat in the Hat takes young readers to a Seussian Spa, where they learn the basics of healthy living. With the assistance of the Partnership for a Healthier America, the Cat explains the importance of eating right, staying active, getting enough sleep, handwashing, brushing and flossing your teeth, wearing protective gear when playing sports—even the best way to sneeze when you don’t have a tissue handy! The back matter includes simple, fun suggestions for children to increase their activity throughout the day, plus eight healthy, kid-friendly recipes.
"We begin with a circle, the shape of a pie. Look around you and name all the circles you spy."

The Cat in the Hat reminds us that “circles surround us wherever we are—from pennies to pizzas to wheels on a car.” Look around the room you are sitting in, and draw and label all the circles you see!

Circles Around Me!
Food Fit Fun

It’s important to take good care of yourself, and that starts with a well-balanced diet! Draw healthy foods from the five food groups on the plate below.

Adapted from the USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion’s ChooseMyPlate.gov website.
“UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”

The best way to help our environment is to understand it!
Fruit or Root?

Write on each line whether the image is of a FRUIT or a ROOT (a vegetable)!

Answers:

- Root
- Fruit
- Root
- Fruit
- Root
Charts and Minds

“The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” —Dr. Seuss

After you have read ten Cat in the Hat’s Learning Library books, hand students copies of the blank chart below. Ask students to collect data on the class’s favorite Learning Library books by voting with raised hands and making tallies in the right column. Then have students answer the questions below.

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Which is the class’s favorite Cat in the Hat’s Learning Library book? ____________________________

Which is the class’s third favorite? ____________________________

How many students voted? __________________