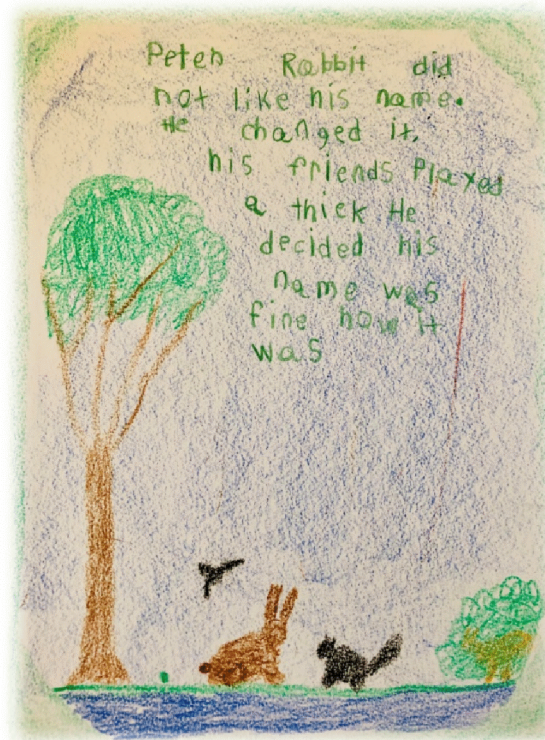


Lesson 2

Set the stage with some verses and songs.

Review the stories from yesterday. Have children draw from the story and write or dictate a brief summary using any spelling, grammar, and punctuation concepts and skills you taught during the year.



Read "Peter Rabbit Fools Jimmy Skunk," "Reddy Fox Gets Into Trouble," "Reddy Fools Bowser the Hound."

Vocabulary.

snares (13) a trap for catching birds or animals, typically one having a noose of wire or cord

baying (19) bark or howl loudly

wholly (20) entirely, fully

Solve a wildlife mystery: can rabbits really see behind them without turning their heads? If your printed sources answer this question, great! Otherwise, visit this site for the answer as well as some more facts about rabbits. Note that the movements Burgess often describes Peter doing - jumping in the air and kicking his heels when he is in a good mood - has a name!

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/general-animals/10-hopping-fun-rabbit-facts/>

Complete your name page that you began yesterday.

Extend the Lesson

Math Connection: The linked site above includes many math connections. Rabbits can jump as high as 90 centimeters and their ears can grow to be 10 centimeters long. Get out your meter stick or ruler and review centimeters and meters. Measure your ears - and your pets ears - and compare. You might even create a little chart or graph showing ear sizes in your household.

Write About It! Thornton Burgess wrote over 170 books and around 15,000 articles and stories in his lifetime. Today, write *just one* about an animal you love. You can write what you know about the animal, or imagine a story with the animal as a main character. We made this a unit-long activity, setting aside a short time each day to create a new tale, add to one in progress, or add an illustration. My older child wrote independently. My younger child dictated his stories to me and I wrote them down for him.

Go Outdoors!

Go for a walk - and have some races. Who can run the fastest? Who can run the longest? Can you move like a rabbit? Like a fox? Try a binky if you dare!

