

NUTSHELL LIBRARY

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ABOUT THE BOOKS

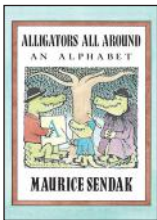
Build your child's library with Maurice Sendak! Have fun with all the letters, A through Z, in *Alligators All Around*. Celebrate the months of the year in *Chicken Soup with Rice*. Count to 10 and back again in *One Was Johnny*. And the moral of *Pierre* is...CARE!



STORYTIME ACTIVITIES

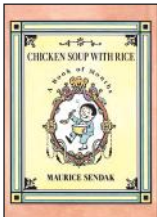
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- **RHYME RACE:** The Nutshell Library is chock full of rhymes! Tell the children that you will say a word, and as soon as they think of a rhyme, they should call it out. You can record your word and the children's rhyme, and later put these words on cards to create a rhyme memory game.



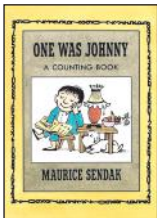
ALLIGATORS ALL AROUND

- **ALLIGATOR ACTION:** Read the story aloud, pausing to discuss what the alligators are doing on each page. (Define words such as "quarrelsome" and "vain" as needed.) Then read the story again, but this time have the children pretend to be the alligators, acting out each page as you read.



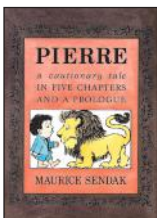
CHICKEN SOUP WITH RICE

- **OUR FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR:** After reading the story, make a chart of the months of the year. Ask children which month is their favorite and why. Have them write the name of the month, and then draw a picture below it to illustrate why it is their favorite.



ONE WAS JOHNNY

- **COUNT ON IT:** Create a counting book. Ask the children to come up with a theme (such as animals, transportation, or toys) for the story. Then ask children to suggest ideas within the theme. List the ideas on separate pages, in numeric order. For example, for a farm animal theme, the children might say, "1 horse, 2 sheep, 3 ducks..." When you get up to 10, start counting backward. Then give each child a page to illustrate. Collate all the pages into a group counting book!



PIERRE

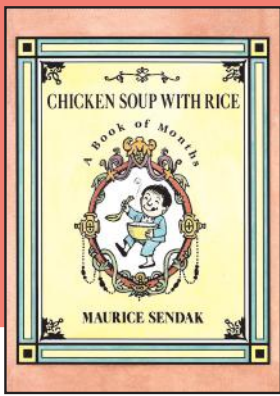
- **I DON'T CARE!** After reading the first chapter, children will realize that Pierre always replies, "I don't care!" Begin reading interactively, pausing for the children to call out Pierre's familiar line. Give them an opportunity to predict what Pierre shouts out at the end of the story before you all exclaim, "Yes, indeed I care!"

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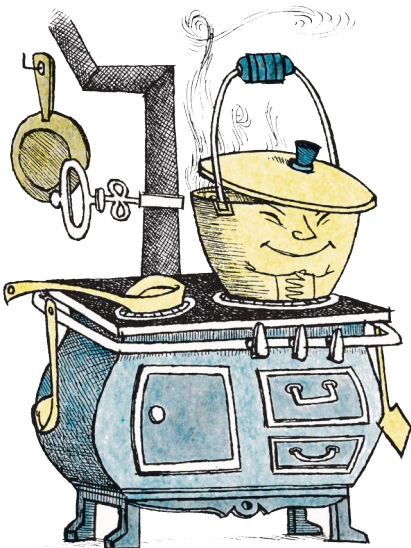
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WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR?

In Maurice Sendak's *Chicken Soup With Rice*, the little boy eats chicken soup with rice every month of the year. Which month is your favorite, and why? Write the name of the month on the line below, and draw why it's your favorite in the box.

Month

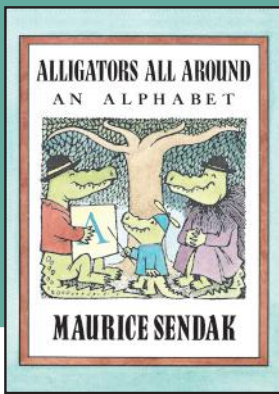


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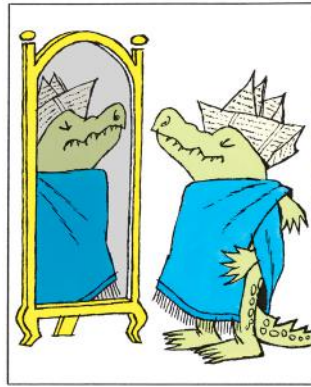
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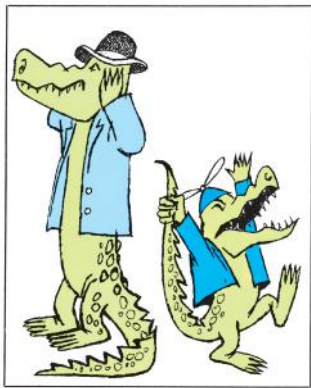


ALLIGATOR ACTIONS

In Maurice Sendak's *Alligators All Around*, the alligators have an action for every letter in the alphabet, from A to Z. Draw a line to match the alligator activity with the words that describe it!



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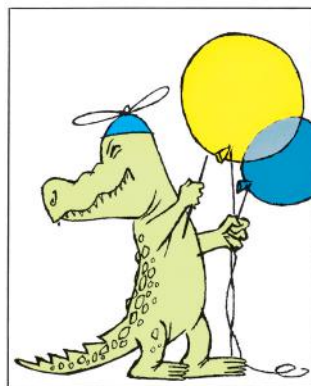
juggling jelly beans



bursting balloons



very vain



throwing tantrums