

March 11, 2016
1:30-2:30

Happy Birthday Ezra Jack Keats
1st Grade
Mrs. Ladd
Marion Elementary School
Marion, Michigan 49665

For this birthday celebration we will need:

- Internet connection with projection to the whiteboard or screen.
- Drawing supplies for each student – white and black construction paper, pencils, erasers, crayons, scissors, glue sticks
- Books by Ezra Jack Keats

Author, Art, and Imagination

Introduction to the author and artist Ezra Jack Keats. www.ezra-jack-keats.org

- A life creating books for children
- Books by Ezra Jack Keats

Electronic “Read aloud” presentation of Louie <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/read-aloud/louie/>

- Louie is the first of four books about Louie and his life in the city.

Book Talk: The Trip and Louie's Search

- The Trip tells of Louie's move to a different neighborhood.
- Louie's Search shares his experiences while looking for a “father”

Read aloud: Regards to the Man in the Moon

- Pre-reading information, a year in space Scott Kelly and his brother Mark (project their picture)
- Imagining what it might be like travel in outer space. <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/activity/regards-to-the-man-in-the-moon/>
- Read the book and note the illustrations (artwork technique collage and drawing)

Artwork and imagination

- Children will draw a space travel scene following instructions from Drawing Shape by Shape from Chris Hart Books for Kids <http://chrishartbooks.com>
- The children will cut out their space ship and glue it to the black construction paper (outer space).
- The children will add details to illustrate their “outer space”.

Time to sing happy birthday and have birthday cupcakes.

- Take pictures and sign a happy birthday card for Ezra Jack Keats.

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To whom it may concern,

We had a wonderful time reading stories about Louis, interacting with your web page activities, and completing art projects together.

Thank you for the useful web resources.

Happy 100th Birthday. What a wonderful tribute to Ezra Jack Keats.

Wanita Kaufman
Educator & volunteer

Please note that our activities are listed on the back of this note.