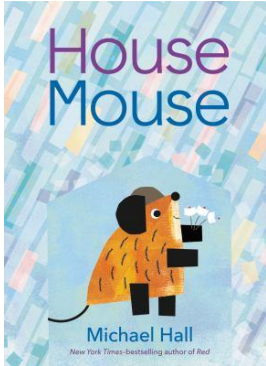
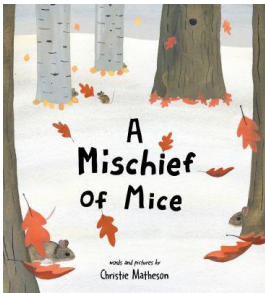


STORYTIME!

Books We Shared Today



[House Mouse](#)
by Michael Hall



[A Mischief of Mice](#)
by Christie Matheson

[Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#)

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free high-quality books to children birth through age 5, no matter their family's income. Click the link above to find out more and to sign up.

Reading Readiness Tips:

Before children can begin to learn to read, we can help them develop an early literacy skill called **Print Awareness**, which is knowing that print has meaning. When we talk about the words on the page as we read them, children make the connection between the written word and the meaning of the word. In *House Mouse*, sound words are italicized and colored. You can point out these words as you read, to show your child that you are reading the text, not the pictures. Point out other words around the house and the neighborhood as you see them.

Slowly, Slowly

Slowly, slowly, very slowly,
Creeped the garden snail.
Slowly, slowly, very slowly
Up the wooden rail.

Quickly, quickly, very quickly
Ran the little mouse.
Quickly, quickly, very quickly,
Round about the house!