

FEBRUARY

Steven Kellogg

Steven Kellogg was born on October 26, 1941. As a child he loved picture books. He drew all of the time. He attended the Rhode Island School of Design. He has written and illustrated more than 100 books. He lives in upstate New York with his wife, Helen. Learn more about Steven at: www.stevenkellogg.com

Illustrations from *A Penguin Pup for Pinkerton*, *Best Friends*, *Johnny Appleseed* and *The Missing Mitten* appear with the permission of Steven Kellogg.



OTHER RESOURCE SITES:

<http://bit.ly/29vpdes>

OTHER BOOKS BY STEVEN KELLOGG:

Jimmy's Boa and the Big Splash Birthday Bash
Island of the Skog
The Day the Goose Got Loose
Pecos Bill
Is Your Mama a Llama?
Jack and the Beanstalk



😊 Approaches to Learning through Play

📱 Creative Thinking and Expression

🍏 Health, Wellness and Physical Development

📖 Language and Literacy Development: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening

📐 Mathematics Thinking and Expression

👥 Partnerships for Learning: Families, Learning Environments and Communities

🔍 Science Thinking and Technology: Exploration, Inquiry and Invention

🧠 Social Emotional Development

🏠 Social Studies Thinking: Connecting "Me" to My Community and the Larger World

Johnny Applesed

The story of John Chapman and his adventures in the wilderness.



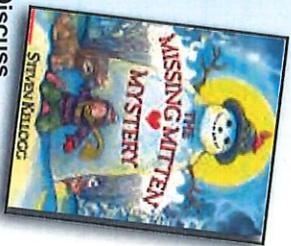
- 🍎 Have an apple party with your child. Eat something made with apples (ex: a peeled apple, applesauce, apple cake). How many kinds of treats can be made from apples?
- 👉 In the story, Johnny Applesed owned many nurseries in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Illinois, and Indiana, where he grew his beloved apple trees. Have your child look at a map and discuss north, south, east and west by showing them where these states are in the United States.
- 🔍 Cut an apple horizontally through the middle. Talk about the shape that you find. Can your child find the star? Pick out the seeds. Plant them in a cup. Talk about what seeds need to grow, such as water, sunlight and dirt.
- 👉 Johnny Applesed was a good neighbor. Make a list of some things that you and your child could do to be a good neighbor.

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT JOHNNY APPLESEED...

American Tall Tales by Mary Pope Osborne
Johnny Applesed: The Legend and the Truth by Jane Yolen
Johnny Applesed and Other Poems by Vachel Lindsay, George M. Richards

The Missing Mitten Mystery

Annie and Oscar have had a busy day playing in the snow. Annie has lost her mitten. They look high and low and imagine all the places it could be...



- ▶ Discuss the word pairs and what things come in pairs. Discuss what would happen if one was missing, such as shoes, earrings, socks, etc.
- ▶ Practice counting things by twos with your child by counting socks when you are folding wash, body parts such as two arms, two eyes, etc.
- 🔍 Discuss the four seasons of winter, spring, summer and fall. Make a list of what activities you have done in which season. For example, in winter we sled, in summer we swim, etc.
- ▶ Have your child organize a closet. Provide boxes and bags to organize the items. Talk about the things that need to be kept and what can be done with the items you don't need anymore (recycle, give to charity, trash).

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT MITTENS...

Junie B. Jones Is Not a Crook by Barbara Park
One Mitten by Kristine O'Connell George
Andrew's Magnificent Mountain of Mittens by Deanne Lee Bingham

Best Friends

Kathy feels lonely and betrayed when her best friend goes away for the summer and has a wonderful time.



Ask your child what she might do if a friend moves far away. How would she feel? Make a list with your child of how you could keep in touch (write a letter, write an email, send a picture)



- 😊 Play "Make believe". Pretend that your child has a made up animal or pet. For example, if your child pretends he/she has a horse, pretend what he/she would have to do to take care of it.
- 👉 The animal in the story is a dog. Ask your child if it is covered with fur, feathers or scales. Name other animals that have the same characteristics.
- 😊 Louise and the girl telling the story are best friends. Ask your child about his best friends and what kinds of activities they like to share together.

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT FRIENDS...

Best Friends for Frances by Russell Hoban and Lillian Hoban
Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel
Owen & Mzee: Best Friends by Craig Hatkoff, Isabella Hatkoff,
Paula Kahumbu and Peter Greste

A Penguin Pup for Pinkerton

Pinkerton, the Great Dane, wants to raise a penguin. Unfortunately, he mistakes a football for a penguin egg.



- 👉 The girl in the story learns about penguins in her classroom. Go to the library and find some picture books on penguins. Discuss facts about these fascinating birds.
- 👉 Help your child feel how cold it is in Antarctica. Put ice cubes in a sandwich size lunch bag and have them hold it in his/her hands. How does it feel?
- 👉 Listen to the Penguin Song at www.dltkreach.com/rhymes/penguin/index.htm
- 👉 Create a penguin! Using black and white fingerpaint, stamp the pad of your thumb into the white paint to make a "tummy" on a piece of paper. Stamp the pad of your index finger into the black paint to make wings on either side of the tummy. Stamp the tip of your pinkie finger into the black paint and make a black fingertip head on. Add details using paint or markers.

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT PENGUINS...

Penguins! by Gail Gibbons
Tacky the Penguin by Helen Lester, Lynn M. Munsinger (Illustrator)
If You Were a Penguin by Wendell and Florence Minnor