



# Ready To Learn.

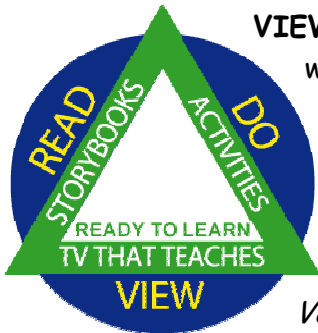


## The Learning Triangle - December 2009

### *Sharing Stories*

The Learning Triangle is a way of teaching young children through a combination of TV that teaches + storybooks + activities - all related to one theme or skill. **READ, DO, VIEW.**

**READ** - *"The First Day of Winter"* by Denise Fleming. Told in the rhythm of The Twelve Days of Christmas, a snowman's tale begins; on the first day of winter my best friend gave to me.../a red cap with a gold snap. And so it continues as the snowman receives two bright blue mittens for his stick hands; five birdseed pockets; nine big black buttons for his eyes, nose, and front; and, finally, 10 salty peanuts for his wintry toes. As in the song, each time a new item is introduced, the story counts back to the first gift.



**VIEW** - *Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas*. George and The Man with The Yellow Hat are having a very merry time counting down the days until Christmas. There's only one puzzle: neither of them can figure out what to give the other for a present. The Man is having trouble reading George's wish list and George doesn't have a clue about what to get for The Man who has everything. Will they be able to find the answers before Christmas morning? Watch "A Very Monkey Christmas" on WJCT on Dec. 18 at 8 a.m., Dec. 20 at 8:30 a.m. and Dec. 24 at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

**DO** - All families have stories; share your favorite with your child. Once you've told it several times, ask him to tell the story to you. This activity helps build his listening and language skills—essential steps in learning to read. Children love to hear stories about familiar people, places, and things. These kinds of stories also help children understand the relationship between sounds and objects.

See how easy it is to use the Learning Triangle?  
Try it yourself and watch your child learn!

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