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Kim and Carrots

by Clara Vulliamy



Kim's cousin Nina has come to visit!



Nina helps Kim make a secret den.
They fetch a blanket and two chairs . . .

. . . and bring cozy cushions and toys inside. Don't forget Carrots, Kim!



Mommy and Daddy
say dinner is ready.



But where are Kim, Carrots, and Nina?





Follow me to
the Guide for
Caregivers!



Oh, hello! Here they are!



A FIRST CONCEPT
Grandma's Coming

by Elizabeth Steinglass ★ Art by Viviana Garofoli

Red cars, blue cars, black cars, gray,
pass our house and zoom away.
Look! A pink car's coming near.
No more waiting! Grandma's here!



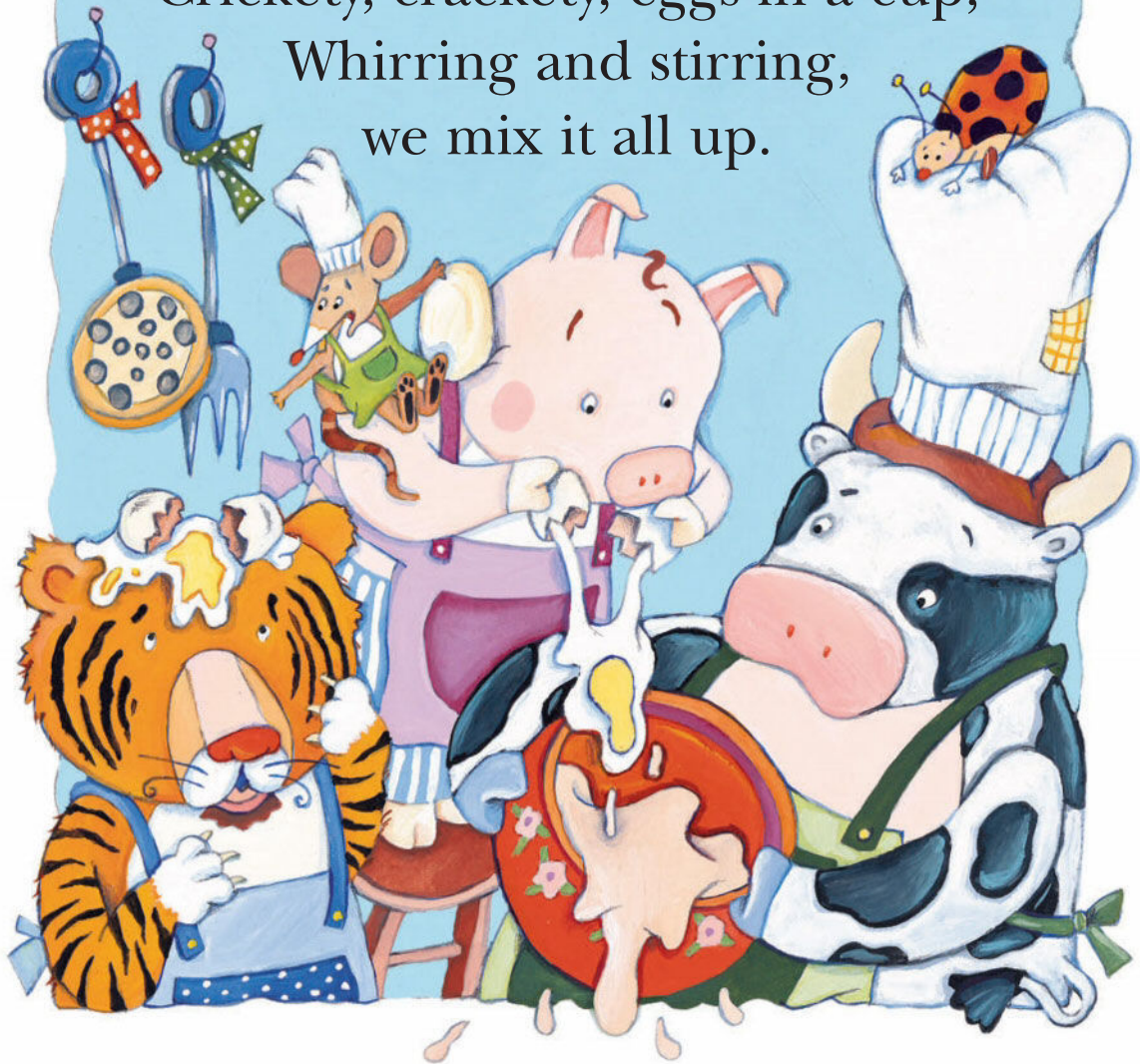


Look around you. Do you see any colors from the poem?

In the Kitchen

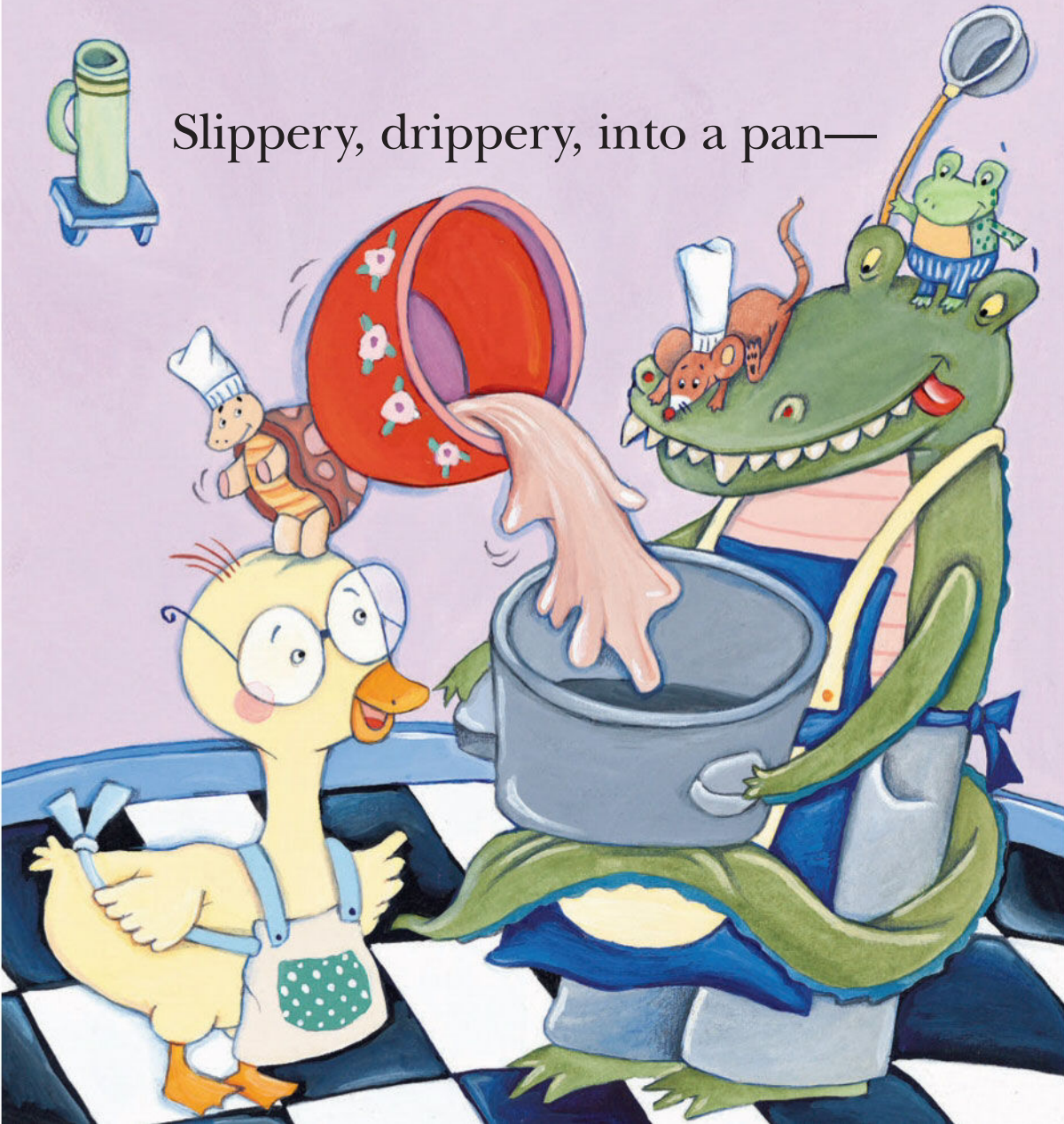
by Sharon Porterfield
Art by Hector Borlasca

Crickety, crackety, eggs in a cup,
Whirring and stirring,
we mix it all up.





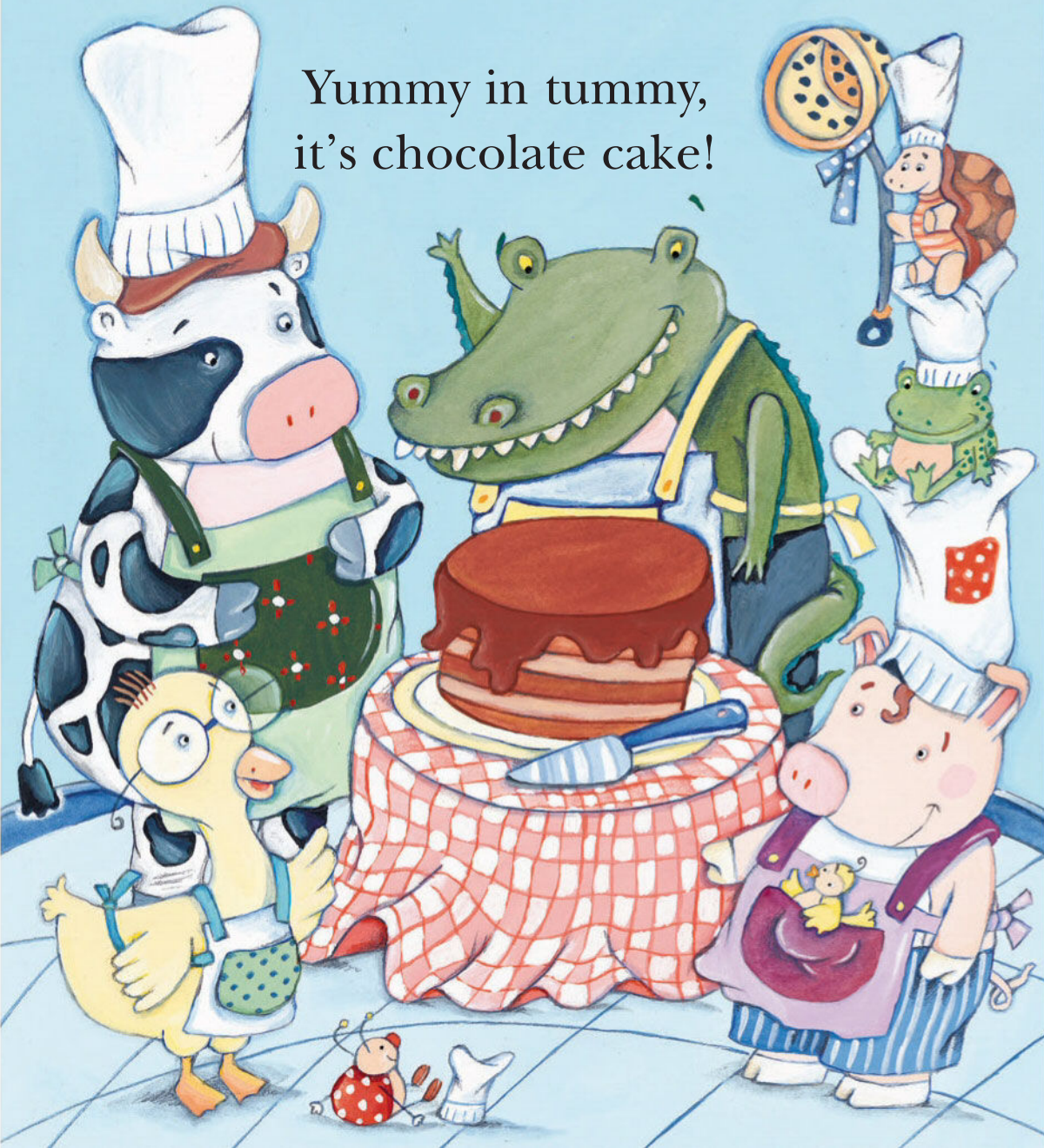
Slippery, drippery, into a pan—



Pop in the oven and then out again.
Lickity, stickity, frosting to make,



Yummy in tummy,
it's chocolate cake!



LITTLE KING PIPPEN

A Mother Goose Rhyme ♥ Art by Ruth Tietjen Council

Little King Pippen,
He built a fine hall.
Piecrust and pastry crust,
That was the wall;
The windows were made
Of black pudding and white,
And slated with pancakes.
You ne'er saw the like!







On Grandpa's Knees

by Dotti Enderle ✨ Art by Holly Hatam

The wind blows down the chimney.
The wind blows through the trees.
The wind blows Baby up and down
Upon her grandpa's knees.





Busy Hands

by Lynne Marie Pisano
Art by Alistar



Busy hands move
to and fro.



Busy hands wave
hello!



Busy hands reach
to the sky.



Busy hands wave
goodbye.

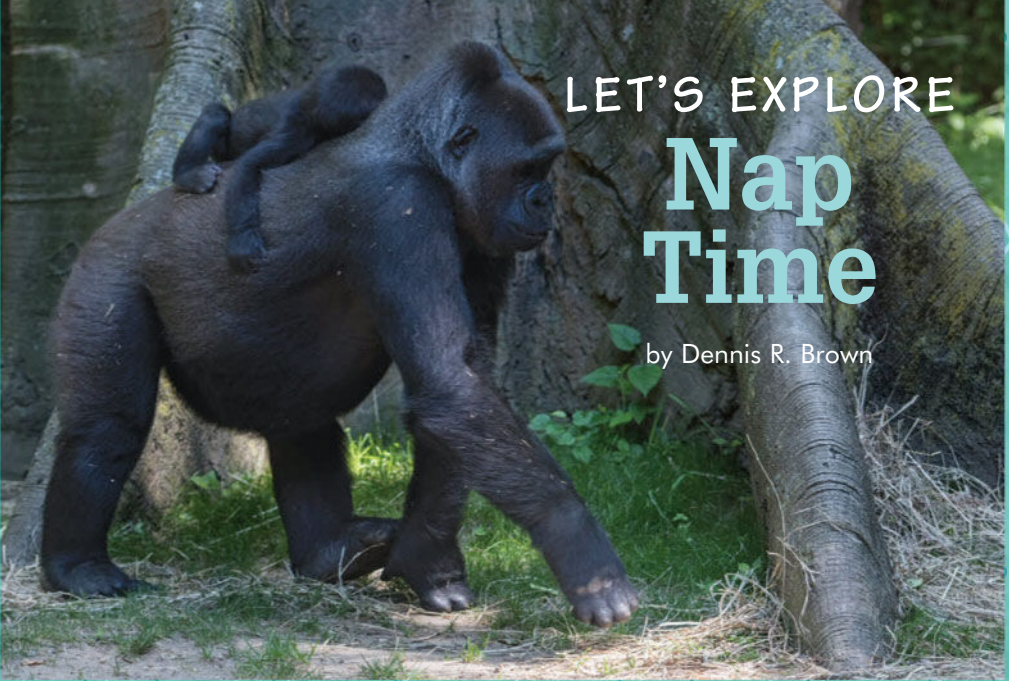




LET'S EXPLORE

Nap Time

by Dennis R. Brown



Dreaming on a
strong back,
or in fuzzy arms,
resting in a nest,
or the meadow warm.

After morning's play,
babies close their eyes,
and sleep to the world's
gentle lullabies.



On a Rainy Night

by Jill Esbaum
Art by Michele A. Noiset

... if I lie still,
I hear them whisper—
Tiny drops of rain.
Their quiet chat
Goes pitter-pat
Against my windowpane.





BABYBUG is for babies who love to be read to—and for adults who love to read to them. Here are a few tips to help you get the most out of this “come visit me” issue of BABYBUG.

1. Kim and Carrots: As an adult, you know the value of a little privacy. Children need it, too, especially during the holidays when family gatherings, gift-giving, and parties are crammed into a few hectic weeks. With a blanket and chairs, your child can find a retreat as peaceful as Kim’s.

2. Grandma’s Coming: An early step in understanding colors lies in matching them. Find several toy cars of the same colors as those in this poem. Play a game of parking them on matching cars in the illustration. Then keep the fun going by parking them on nearby objects of the same color.

3. Busy Hands: The simple gestures shown here are among the earliest children imitate. Your baby will reach toward objects with a fist before pointing an index finger like Daddy. And before learning to wave hello or goodbye, babies often curve their fingers inward and cheerfully wave to themselves.

—Sally Nurss, M.Ed.

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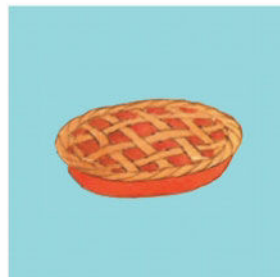
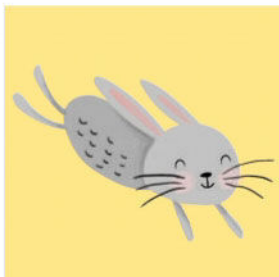
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