Nana’s Literary Corner

Since leaving CSWS last year, long time class teacher, Janet Langley ("Nana"), has been spending many delightful hours reading books to her three year old grandson, Ryder. Periodically, she will be sending the Update some recommendations based on her explorations into the magical world of children's literature. This month's gems are:

1. **Is Your Mama a Llama?** Written by Deborah Guarino, Illustrated by Steven Kellogg (Scholastic) Beautifully illustrated story with a focus on various animals told in rhyme.

2. **Monster Trucks!** Written by Mark Todd. "Monster trucks! Monster trucks! Green gargling garbage trucks. Eating and crunching, munching and slurping..." This delightful, alliterative book is fun to read and the drawings of the various trucks are very creative. The one I have has heavy duty pages.

3. **Sylvia Long's Mother Goose** illustrated by Sylvia Long (Chronicle Books). This is by far the most beautifully illustrated, creative, ingeniously arranged collection of these time honored children's poems. I love her rendition of "Humpty Dumpty" which ends with the shell cracking and a little bird emerging.

4. **The Train to Glasgow** by Wilma Horsbrugh. This timeless, repetitive poem-story is delightfully illustrated through a pen/ink/watercolor technique by well known British illustrator, Paul Cox. It is so much fun to let your young one finish off the ends of the various lines.

5. **Rhymes for Annie Rose** poems and painting illustrations by Shirley Hughes. "A pool of lapping lamplight, A cushion for a boat, The floor is made of water and we are both afloat..." This is a delightful book filled with magical illustrations and whimsical rhymes that will delight any young child.