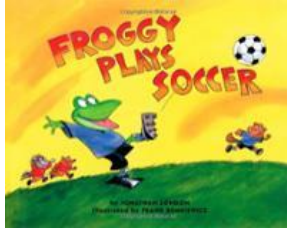


## Soccer Read-Aloud Outline

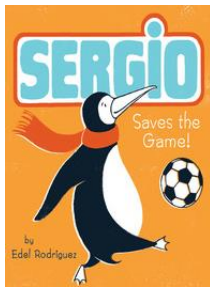
The 2014 World Cup in Brazil runs from mid-June through mid-July this summer. Many of the kids at your Read-Aloud may be budding soccer pros, but the characters in these books are just getting a handle on the game. See if your kids can come up with ways to help the characters improve their game.



***Froggy Plays Soccer*** by Jonathan London

Ages 3 to 7

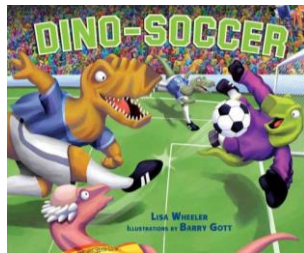
Froggy is excited for his team to play in the championship game. But soccer is hard! Froggy misses an important kick and he can't remember not to use his hands! This book has great illustrations and Froggy's clumsiness makes the story appealing.



***Sergio Saves the Game*** by Edel Rodriguez

Ages 3 to 7

Sergio the penguin loves to play soccer, but he is hopelessly uncoordinated. The big game against the seagulls is coming up and Sergio is playing goalie. The best part of this book is Sergio's vision of himself as a soccer legend . . . and watching him transform into a truly good goalie through hard work.



***Dino-soccer*** by Lisa Wheeler

Ages 4 to 8

It's carnivores versus herbivores in this prehistoric soccer showdown. This book teaches about soccer technicalities, like red cards and positions, as well as facts about the dinosaurs that are playing the game. The rhyming text makes this book good for reading aloud, and the text cleverly combines soccer facts and dinosaur facts.

### Other books about soccer

*Madlenka, Soccer Star* by Peter Sís

Ages 4 to 8

*Soccer Song* by Patricia Reilly Giff

Ages 5 to 8

*Hunter and Stripe and the Soccer Showdown* by Laura Elliot

Ages 5 to 9

*Soccer Counts/Soccer cuenta* by Barbara Barbieri McGrath

Ages 5 to 10

*Soccer Star* by Mina Javaherbin  
Ages 6 to 10

*Pelé, King of Soccer/ Pelé, el rey de fútbol* by Monica Brown  
Ages 6 to 10

### **Activities**

1. If there's an open space or a little grassy area, teach the kids how to dribble or pass a ball back and forth.
2. Finger puppet soccer. Cut out and decorate the finger puppets found at this link. Use fingers as the puppets legs and a plastic bottle cap as the ball.  
<http://vegiesmugglers.files.wordpress.com/2010/08/vegiesmugglers-soccer.pdf>
3. Make a soccer field in an empty pizza box and use a cotton ball as the soccer ball. Give everyone a straw to blow at the cotton ball to try to score.  
<http://spoonful.com/family-fun/tabletop-soccer>
4. Get into the spirit of the World Cup and make a pennant for your favorite team or country.

### **Conversation Starters**

1. Do you know where the World Cup is being held this year? What about the last several World Cups? Can you find those places on a map?
2. Do you know who won the last World Cup? How did the US do?
3. How is the World Cup different from the Olympic Games?
4. If you played soccer, would you want to play goalie, forward or defense?
5. Are there other sports in which players can't use their hands?