**Craft activity for Courage** - to go along with *Miss Hazeltine's Home for Shy and Fearful Cats*

**Paper Plate Cat Faces**

For children ages 3 to 5, we found it works best to only give them materials for one step of the activity at a time. If you put all the materials on the table in front of all the children before giving instructions, they eagerly jump in and start creating, and few listen to instructions. So that the children do not get bored, be sure to provide the next step's materials as soon as a child is ready for the next step. Continue this way until that child is finished.

In order that the children can make the craft activity their own creation, provide a variety of choices (colors, shapes).

Materials:

white paper (or foam) plates

foam brushes, about 1-inch wide

white glue

tissue paper cut into 1 to 1-1/2 inch squares (we had two colors: black and shades of orange/yellow)

Pre-cut embellishments from card stock:

Nose (pink or black circle punch)

Eyes (layered circle punches, with pupil drawn in very center with black marker)

Ears (squares, overlaid with pink triangle in one corner.

Ears are glued onto the back of the cat's head)

Whiskers (yellow and black rectangles about 5 inches x 3/4 inch black,

then cut 4 to 6 "whiskers" along the length,

but leave about 1/2 inch uncut at one end, so the whiskers stay together)

Directions:

1. Each child gets a paper plate, and a foam brush

2. Pour some white glue onto paper plates, several children can share one. Show them how to brush the glue lightly onto the plate with the foam brush.

3. Each child can select black or shades-of-orange-and-yellow tissue paper squares. Show them how to cover the 'face' of the paper plate completely with tissue paper.

4. When a child is satisfied with their cat's face, let them select and glue eyes, then nose and whiskers, then ears.