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Opening the Gift

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Warm & Fuzzy

- Together by Hazel Hutchins
- Too Purplely! by Jean Reidy
- Duck Sock Hop by Jane Kohuth
- Every Color Soup by Jorey Hurley
- Love From Woolly by Nina Michaels
- When Winter Comes by Nancy Van Laan
- Little Owl's Orange Scarf by Tatyana Feeny
- Under My Hood I Have a Hat by Karla Kuskin
- Llama Llama Gives Thanks by Anna Dewdney
- Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons by James Dean & Eric Litwin



Nursery Rhyme: Hickory Dickory Dock

Songs & Fingerplays to Share



CD: "I Took a Bath in the Washing Machine" from *Jim Gill Sings the Sneezing Song and Other Contagious Tunes*

Hello, Mittens!

(tune: *Good Night, Ladies*)



Hello, [mittens]!
 Hello, [mittens]!
 Hello, [mittens]!
 You keep my [hands] so warm!

Continue with the following:

- boots/feet,
- hat/head,
- scarf/neck,
- sweater/body

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Put On Your Socks

(tune: *Hickory Dickory Dock*)

Hickory dickory dock
 Let's put on our socks
 We walk around,
 without a sound



When we put on our socks!

(repeat with march, hop, tip-toe, run, etc.)

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It's Getting Cooler!

Cooler weather
 (hug self & shiver)
 Wear a sweater.
 (run hands down arms)
 Leaves turn red and brown.
 (hold arms overhead)
 Windy breeze
 (sweep arms back and forth)
 In the trees.
 (continue sweeping motion)
 Leaves fall to the ground!
 (flutter fingers down to floor.)
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Dress up Warmly

The day is cloudy and the wind is bold.
Dress up warmly, you mustn't get cold!

Put on your jacket and zip it up tight,
Put on your left boot, put on your right.

Put on your scarf and put on your cap,
Put on your mittens and clap-clap-clap!

Go outside and play and play.
Come in again, and then we'll say-

Take off your jacket that was zipped up tight,
Take off your left boot, take off your right.

Take off your scarf, take off your cap,
Take off your mittens, and then take a nap!

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Your next visit will be: December _____
Next month's theme will be: "Star Light, Star Bright"





More Books to Share:

- Flora's Blanket* by Debi Gliori
- A Growing Story* by Ruth Krauss
- A Pair of Socks* by Stuart J. Murphy
- Lost. Found.* by Marsha Diane Arnold
- Quilt Alphabet* by Lesa Cline-Ransome
- Fall Weather: Cooler Temperatures* by Martha Rustad
- Farmer Brown Shears His Sheep: A Yarn About Wool* by Teri Sloat

Activity Ideas:

SOUP POT PICTURES: Cut out pictures of vegetables from magazines, seed catalogs or newspaper ads. Cut out a kettle shape for each child from black paper. Set out glue and the vegetable pictures and instruct the children to glue vegetables onto their soup pot. Today would be a good day to warm up with vegetable soup for lunch!
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MITTEN HUNT: Collect one pair of mittens for each child in your group. Secretly hide one mitten from each pair and give each of your children one of the other mittens to put on a hand. Invite the children to search for their matching mittens and put them on their other hands.
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WEAVING GATE: Put your child safety gates to artistic use while helping children strengthen their fine-motor skills. Cut a supply of long fabric strips, ensuring that each strip will easily fit through the gate's mesh. Encourage the children to use the gate as a loom, weaving the strips through the mesh. When the gate is full, have the youngsters remove the strips, then begin a new weaving. Vary this activity by using fabric with seasonal prints and colors.
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Book of the Month:

From Biting to Hugging: Understanding Social Development in Infants and Toddlers
 by Donna S. Wittmer and Deanna W. Clauson PTC 372.21 W



From Biting to Hugging offers strategies to help caregivers teach the littlest children prosocial behaviors and techniques to deal in developmentally appropriate ways with challenging behaviors such as biting and hitting. Learn how infants and toddlers develop socially and emotionally and discover ideas for nurturing:

- Self-regulation
- Skills for joining in play
- Expressing needs and emotions
- Conflict-resolution skills
- And so much more!



Road to Reading Tip:



7 TIPS FOR ENCOURAGING EARLY LITERACY

Encourage your child's literacy skills well before he learns to read!

1. **Form a close bond.** This one is easy! Your relationship with your child is very important to his ability to learn. If you are interactive, close and loving, your child will reap the rewards.
2. **Get in on the fun.** Being a participant at playtime can bring you closer and help you learn useful information about your child's habits and emotions.
3. **Tell tales.** Build narrative skills by gathering family members at meal times and having them tell the story of their day.
4. **Play rhyming games** to build phonemic awareness . . . and just for fun.
5. **Bring reading and writing into everyday life.** Encourage literacy in your child's daily routines by writing thank-you notes or making shopping lists together.
6. **Be attentive** and engaged when you communicate with your child.
7. **Read together.** Make story time a daily ritual that your child can count on and look forward to.

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/reading-resources/developing-reading-skills/7-tips-encouraging-early-literacy.html>

