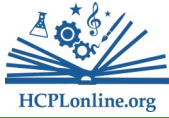


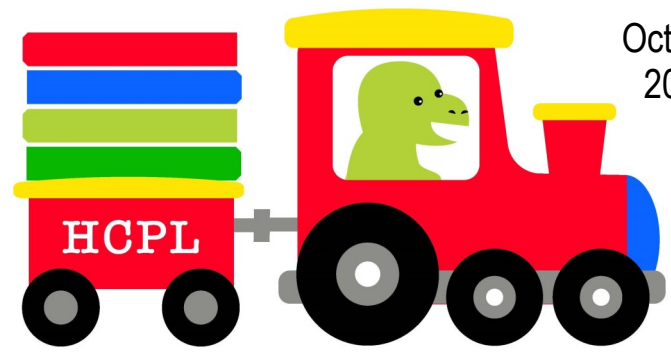
# HCPL Preschool Traveling Library: Opening the Gift



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## Songs & Fingerplays

### Hello Song

Hello, hello, how are you? [wave hello]  
Hello, hello, how are you?  
I'm glad I'm here, it's storytime! [clap]  
Shake 'em to the front, shake 'em to the back,  
[shake hands to match words]  
Shake 'em up high, shake 'em down low!  
I'm glad I'm here, it's storytime! [clap]  
Shake 'em over here, shake 'em over there,  
Shake 'em real fast, And shake 'em real slow!  
I'm glad I'm here, it's storytime![clap]

### The Wheels on the Tractor

tune: The Wheels On The Bus

The wheels on the tractor go  
Round and round.  
[roll hands]  
Round and round.  
Round and round.  
The wheels on the tractor go  
Round and round.  
All around the farm.

Additional verses:  
The engine on the tractor goes  
Vroom, vroom, vroom...  
[pretend to hold steering wheel]  
The farmer on the tractor goes  
Up and down...  
[bounce up and down]  
The tractor in the field goes  
Back and forth...  
[sweep arms back and forth]  
The brakes on the tractor go  
Squeak, squeak, squeak...  
[cover ears]  
When the work is done!

### Five Eggs and Five Eggs

Five and five eggs [hold up hands]  
That makes ten  
Sitting on top is mother hen  
[fold one hand over the other]  
Crackle crackle crackle  
[clap hands three times]  
What do I see [fingers around eyes]  
Ten fluffy chickens  
As yellow as can be [hold up ten fingers]

## Theme: How Do You Cock-A-Doodle Doo?

### Books to Share



Storytime is really something to crow about as we sing, dance, rhyme, and have FUN down on the farm! Children who like big machines that go—and things that grow—will love *Tractor* and this ode to farm equipment.

Sing along with the familiar tune while enjoying the pictures in *Old MacDonald Had a Farm*; for more opportunities to make those fun animal sounds, turn to *Barnyard Banter* and *Down On the Farm*. Then review positional words as two mischievous piggies romp around the barnyard in *Piggies In the Pumpkin Patch*.

***Old MacDonald Had a Farm*** by Jane Cabrera  
***Barnyard Banter*** by Denise Fleming  
***Down On the Farm*** by Merrily Kutner  
***Piggies In the Pumpkin Patch*** by Mary Peterson  
***Tractor*** by Sally Sutton

### Nursery Rhyme: This Little Piggy

**Music: "The Freeze" from *Kids in Motion* by Greg & Steve**

Looking for more book ideas?  
Check these out!



Next month's theme will be *Family Gathering*

*ArtMaking: Using Picture Books and Art to Read Our World* by Michelle Kay Compton and Robin Chappelle Thompson PTC 372.5 COM

ArtMaking is a process of making meaning by reading children's books, investigating how this meaning is expressed and then inviting the child to use art to communicate their own meaning. It is the perfect language to give all children a voice, regardless of age or ability. In ArtMaking children are invited to "read their worlds" as they learn about images, explore materials and elements of art (color, lines, shapes, textures, spaces, design) and communicate their thinking through their own art processes and products. Along the way these skills build a strong literacy foundation.



## Try a Fun Activity



### Popsicle Stick Tractor Craft

- 7 green popsicle sticks
- 1 large yellow button
- 1 small yellow button
- Glue
- Scissors

1. Cut one green craft stick in half and set one half aside. Cut the ends off two other craft sticks. Build the top of the tractor by placing the half stick on top of the two other sticks and gluing it in place.

2. Glue the remaining four popsicle sticks on the bottom half of the two sticks, stacking each stick on top of the other to make the tractor's body.

3. Glue the large yellow button at the back of the tractor and the small yellow button on the front of the tractor.

adapted from:

<https://www.xoxoerinasmith.com/blog/tractor-popsicle-stick-craft-for-preschoolers>

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### Everybody Freeze!

Freeze songs are a great way for children to practice control. Yes, freeze songs are really exciting and fun and often end in laughter, but they also teach kids to listen, focus, react and control their bodies.

<https://blogs.westlakelibrary.org/>

Fun freeze songs will also help increase oxygen to the brain!

<https://www.planolibrarylearns.org>



### Questions or suggestions?

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## More Rhymes

### Pigs in the Mud

Source: [www.preschoolexpress.com](http://www.preschoolexpress.com)  
tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Roll, roll, roll around,  
in the mud all day.  
That is what the pigs all do.  
What a way to play!

Roll, roll, roll around,  
that is how they stay.  
Oh, so very nice and cool,  
on a sunny day!

### Pumpkin Chant

Source: [mymissnina.com](http://mymissnina.com)

Pumpkin, pumpkin, pumpkin bread!  
[hold hands flat parallel to each other, about the length of a loaf]  
Pumpkin, pumpkin, pumpkin head!  
[put hands on head]  
Pumpkin, pumpkin, pumpkin pie!  
[hold hands in a big circle]  
Pumpkin, pumpkin, pumpkin eye!  
[curve hands around eyes]  
Pumpkin, pumpkin, pumpkin cake!  
[hold hands flat, one palm up, one palm down five inches above the other]  
Pumpkin, pumpkin, pumpkin shake!  
[hold fists close to ears and shake hard]  
Pumpkin, pumpkin, pumpkin stew!  
[pretend to stir stew]  
Pumpkin, pumpkin, pumpkin BOO!

### My Hands Say "Thank You"

My hands say "thank you"  
with a clap, clap, clap.  
My feet say "thank you"  
with a tap, tap, tap.  
Clap, clap, clap.  
Tap, tap, tap.  
Now spin yourself around,  
and take a BIG bow!