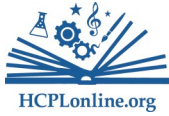


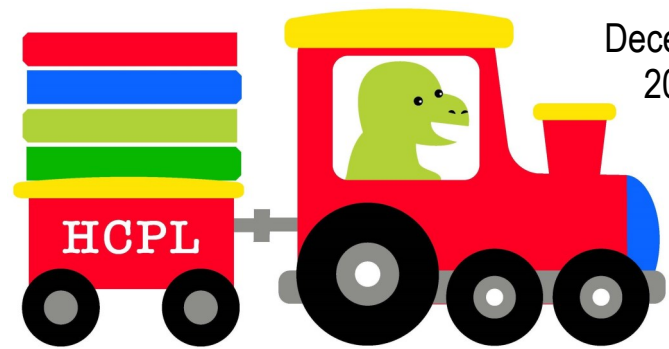
# HCPL Preschool Traveling Library: Opening the Gift



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## Songs & Fingerplays

### Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks went out to play.  
[hold up 5 fingers]  
Over the hills and far away.  
["waddle" the fingers behind your back]  
Mother duck called quack, quack, quack.  
Four little ducks came waddling back.  
["waddle" 4 fingers back]

Repeat with 3, 2, 1, and no little ducks...

Sad mother duck went out to play. Over the  
hill and far away.  
Mother duck called quack, quack, quack.  
And all 5 little ducks came waddling back!

### Walking, Walking

Walking, walking  
[walk in place]  
Hop, hop, hop  
[hop in place]  
Running, running, running  
[run in place]  
Now we stop  
[freeze]

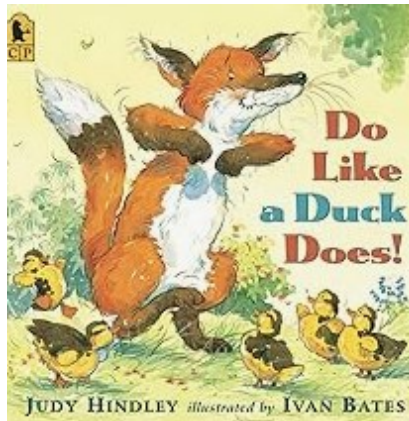
Tiptoe, tiptoe  
[tiptoe in place]  
Hop, hop, hop  
[hop in place]  
Running, running, running  
[run in place]  
Now we stop  
[freeze]

Jumping, jumping  
[jump in place]  
Hop, hop, hop  
[hop in place]  
Running, running, running  
[run in place]  
Now we stop  
[freeze]

Dancing, dancing  
[dance in place]  
Hop, hop, hop  
[hop in place]  
Running, running, running  
[run in place]  
Now we stop  
[freeze]

## Theme: Let's Move It!

### Books to Share



Preschoolers are full of wiggles and this month we will be celebrating all of the ways that we can move. We will read about a silly fox trying to move like a duck in *Do Like a Duck Does!* We also explore how different animals and children move in *Wiggle and Wiggle, Waggle*. We will go for a walk and see the sights in *I Went Walking*. And of course, we will enjoy some songs, rhymes, and stories about moving all around. Take a deep breath and prepare to get your wiggles out as we listen, move, and dance this month.

**Wiggle** by Doreen Cronin

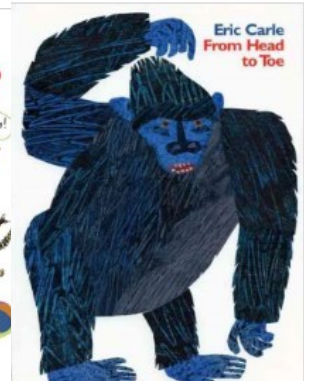
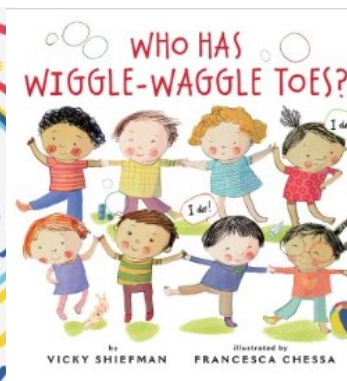
**Do Like a Duck Does!** by Judy Hindley

**I Went Walking** by Sue Williams

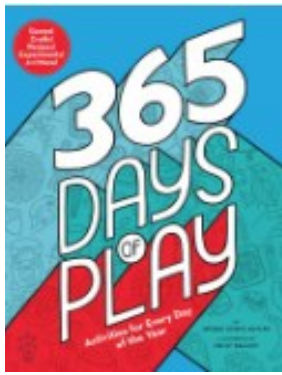
**Wiggle, Waggle** by Jonathan London

**Music:** "The Boogie Walk"  
from *We All Live Together, Vol. 2*  
by the Greg & Steve

**Looking for more book ideas?  
Check these out!**



Your next visit date will be January \_\_\_\_\_



## Book of the Month from the Parent Teacher Collection

*365 Days of Play: Activities for Every Day of the Year* by Megan Hewes Butler, PTC

This book contains activity ideas for children ages 4-8. There are games, crafts, recipes, experiments, projects, jokes, songs, and so much more for every day of the year. Check this out and try some of the fun, interactive ideas with your children!

### Try a Fun Activity



#### Gingerbread Play Dough Recipe

- 2 cups plain flour (all purpose)
- 1/2 cup salt
- 2 Tablespoons oil
- 2 Tablespoons cream of tartar
- (up to) 1 1/2 cups of boiling water (added gradually until it is right)
- 1 Tablespoon ground ginger
- 2 Tablespoons ground cinnamon

In a bowl mix all dry ingredients. Add the oil. Stir in the boiling water and allow to cool briefly. Knead it into a workable dough on a floured surface using your hands. After a few minutes it should be soft and smooth and none should come off on your fingers. If it's still a little sticky then add more flour, one tablespoon at a time, until it's just right.

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Every **CHILD**  
Ready to **READ**

#### Read it again!

Young children often ask to have their favorite stories read again and again. This is not only enjoyable for children, but it is supporting their literacy development. When children engage with stories multiple times they are able to join in the telling of the stories, reenact parts of the stories, make connections to their lives and to other stories. Reading stories that have repetition built into the text also supports literacy development as children are encouraged and able to "read" part of the story. So the next time a child asks to "read it again" celebrate their literacy learning.

*Literacy Learning for Infants, Toddlers, & Preschoolers (2022)*

**Talking** | **Singing** | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Playing**

#### Questions or suggestions?

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### More Rhymes

#### The Gingerbread Jiggle

You take two steps forward,  
Then two steps back.  
Then you rub your tummy,  
And make your lips go SMACK!  
Now you turn around -  
And give a great big wiggle.  
Now clap your hands  
For the Gingerbread Jiggle!

#### Shake Your Sillies Out

Shake, shake, shake your sillies out.  
Shake, shake, shake your sillies out.  
Shake, shake, shake your sillies out,  
And wiggle your waggles away.

Jump, jump, jump your jiggles out (3x)  
And wiggle your waggles away.

Stretch, stretch, stretch your stretches  
out (3x)  
And wiggle your waggles away.

Shake, shake, shake your sillies out (3x)  
And wiggle your waggles away.

#### The Wiggle Song

We're gonna shake, shake, shake our  
head [*repeat*]  
We're gonna flap, flap, flap our elbows  
[*repeat*]  
We're gonna clap, clap, clap our hands  
[*repeat*]  
We're gonna stomp, stomp, stomp our  
feet [*repeat*]  
We're gonna wiggle, wiggle, wiggle our  
toes [*repeat*]  
We're gonna jiggle, jiggle, jiggle our hips  
[*repeat*]