

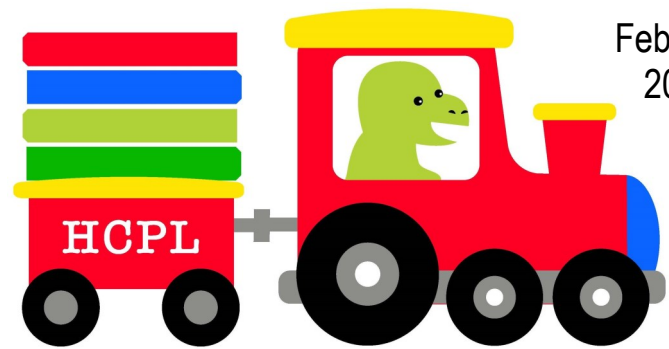
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Songs & Fingerplays

Open and Shut Them

Open, shut them
Open, shut them
Give a little clap, clap, clap
Open, shut them
Open, shut them
Put them in your lap, lap, lap
Creep them, crawl them
Creep them, crawl them
Right up to your chin, chin, chin
Open wide your little mouth,
But do not let them in!

Little Pigeons

(Act out each line)

Little pigeons, little pigeons, jump up and down.
Little pigeons, little pigeons, twirl around.
Little pigeons, little pigeons, tip-toe to me.
Little pigeons, little pigeons, flap your wings.
Little pigeons, little pigeons, coo, coo, coo.
Little pigeons, little pigeons, sleep, sleep, sleep.
Little pigeons, little pigeons, sit down please.

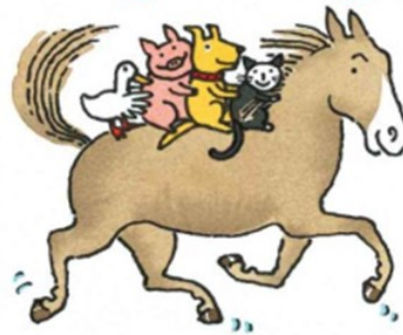
This Little Cow

This little cow eats grass.
[hold up one finger erect]
This little cow eats hay.
[hold up another finger]
This little cow drinks water.
[hold up another finger]
And this little cow does nothing,
[hold up another finger]
But lie and sleep all day.
[rest head on hands]

Theme: Farmyard Fun!

Books to Share

Clip-Clop!



🐣 Nicola Smee 🐣

This month we are going to have fun reading about farmyard friends. We will learn what happens when cows send messages and demands to the farmer in *Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type*. In *Clip-Clop* we will join some animals as they ride a horse, and in *The Pigeon Needs a Bath*, we will see if the pigeon will agree to his bathtime. Finally, we will join George's mother in trying to discover what happened to George's bark in *Bark, George*. So come on down to the farm and share some farmyard fun with your children this month!

The Pigeon Needs a Bath, by Mo Williams

Click, Clack, Moo Cows that Type, by Doreen Cronin

Bark, George, by Jules Feiffer

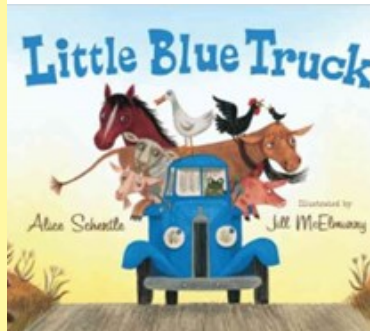
Clip-Clop, by Nicola Smee

Music: "Chicken Dance"

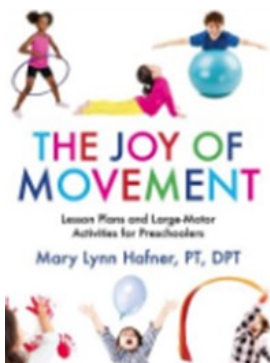
by Tanutchanya Kongthai

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZJAikmT3Rg>

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



Your next visit date will be March _____



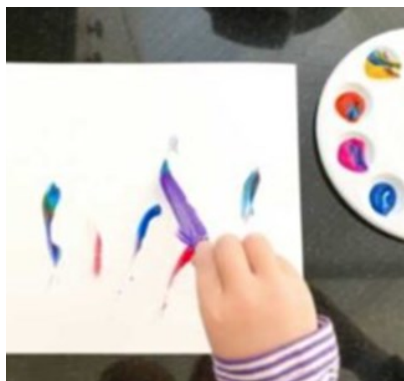
Book of the Month from the Parent Teacher Collection

The Joy of Movement: Lesson Plans and Large-Motor Activities for Preschoolers by Mary Lynn Hafner, PTC

This book provides over sixty fun and developmentally appropriate activities designed to support physical development and self-esteem in preschoolers. Mary Lynn Hafner, a licensed physical therapist, shares a combination of old and new games that are kid-tested and flexible enough to encourage skill development for a variety of learners.

Try a Fun Activity

Painting with Feathers



Materials:

- Paint palettes (small paper plates)
- Tempera Paints (variety of colors)
- Feathers (from a craft store)
- Paper

1. Give each child a small paper plate with several colors of paint
2. Give each child a feather and a piece of paper
3. Encourage the children to paint with the feathers, and enjoy how the colors swirl and mix together

<https://turnertots.com/2021/03/08/farm-art-activities/>

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There are five key practices that, combined with family involvement, provide strong support in preparing young children to read.

- **Talking:** Talking with children helps them learn oral language, one of the most critical early literacy skills. Children learn about language by listening to parents talk and joining in the conversation.
- **Singing:** Singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds in words, which helps children learn new words and information.
- **Reading:** Reading together develops vocabulary and comprehension, nurtures a love for reading, and motivates children to want to learn to read.
- **Writing:** Children become aware that printed letters stand for spoken words as they see print used in their daily lives.
- **Playing:** Play is one of the best ways for children to learn language and literacy skills. They learn about language through playing as the activities help them put thoughts into words and talk about what they are doing.

For more information, visit <https://hcplonline.org/everychildreadytoread.php>



Questions or suggestions?

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More Rhymes

Puppy Dog

(Act out each line)

Puppy dog, puppy dog, turn around,
Puppy dog, puppy dog, touch the ground.
Puppy dog, puppy dog, wag your tail.
Puppy dog, puppy dog, sit and beg.
Puppy dog, puppy dog, hold up one leg.
Puppy dog, puppy dog, take a walk
Puppy dog, puppy dog, try to talk.
Puppy dog, puppy dog, say goodnight.

The Animals on the Farm

tune: Wheels on the Bus

The cows on the farm go moo, moo,
moo.
Moo, moo, moo, moo, moo, moo.
The cows on the farm go moo, moo,
moo.
All day long.

The horses on the farm go neigh...
All day long.

Pigs go oink...
Sheep go baa...
Chickens go cluck...
Turkeys go gobble...

Rags the Dog

I have a dog and his name is Rags.
He eats so much that his tummy sags.
[rub tummy]
His ears flip-flop,
[wave hands at side of head]
And his tail wig-wags,
[wiggle hips]
And when he walks he goes zigzag.
[move hand in a "z" in front]
Flip-flop, wig-wag, zigzag.
[Repeat twice]