Spring Shower
Rain is falling from the sky
(flutter fingers down)
Lightning flashes! Hide your eyes!
(cover eyes with hands)
Thunder rumbles in the clouds.
(drum hands on thighs)
Sometimes it is very loud!
(cover ears with hands)
When the storm is over, and puddles remain,
(shape arms into a circle)
It’s time to take off my shoes again.
(pretend to take shoes off)
http://www.kindergartentreehouse.com/spring.html

Five Little Senses
Five little senses are what I need,
To use when things are near.
I use my eyes to look and see.
I use my ears to hear.
I use my nose to smell things.
I use my hands to touch.
I use my mouth to taste.
The things I love to eat so much.
Five little senses standing in a row,
To see, hear, smell, touch and taste
The things I need to know.
yakaberry.com

Wiggle Them
(wiggle fingers as directed in the poem)
Wiggle them, wiggle them,
Wiggle them so.
Wiggle them high,
Wiggle them low.
Wiggle to the left.
Wiggle to the right.
Wiggle them, wiggle them
Out of sight.
Clap them…(clap hands)
Roll them…(roll hands around)
Snap them…(snap fingers)
HOORAY!

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Shaker Moves
Shake those shakers up high!
Shake those shakers down low!
Shake those shakers in a circle just so.
Shake them up and down.
Shake them all around.
Now shake them down to touch the ground.
Shake them left and right.
Now shake them out of sight.
Now shake those shakers with all your might!
adapted from A Box Full of Tales by Kathy MacMillan
Activity Ideas:

Wiggles With Numbers Fun!: Numbered shape cutouts and a beanbag are all you need for this energetic activity. Scatter the cutouts on the floor. Next, invite a child to toss a beanbag, aiming it at any cutout. If the beanbag lands on a cutout, name the number and have him lead the group in counting up to that number while doing an exercise of his choice. Continue until each child has had a turn tossing the beanbag.

Close Your Eyes: Touching different parts of their bodies with their eyes closed is a challenge for toddlers. This is a game that can be practiced anywhere, even in the car when your child is getting restless. “Close your eyes and touch your knee. Open your eyes to see if you found it!”

Coffee Can Drums: Drums are an important part of life and ceremony in many cultures. Here is a simple method for your children to get the beat! For each child, you will need: a clean, empty coffee can with a plastic lid, construction paper, glue, scissors, markers or crayons, string, leather, fabric, beads (or any age appropriate scraps you have), wooden dowels or chopsticks. Help the children glue paper to cover the outside of their cans. Let them decorate with markers or crayons, and glue on any scrap materials to embellish. Use the dowels or chopsticks to beat out a rhythm on the drum head.

Book of the Month:

Surprising Experiments with Sound by Paul Navarro & Angels Jiménez J534.078 N
Fascinating scientific concepts are simplified and explored in ways that kids will enjoy in the Magic Science series. Each book presents 16 simple experiments that can be performed with common objects found around the house. Surprising Experiments with Sound uses rhythm, voice, water and more to reveal what sound is and how it travels. Each experiment includes illustrated, step-by-step instructions and a simple scientific explanation of what is happening during the experiment. Full-color illustrations on each page.

Road to Reading Tip:

It has been a fun-filled year sharing story time with the children in daycare! We hope to see you in the library this summer as you continue to nurture your child’s love of books ~ our Summer Reading Challenge is popular with all ages! For pre-readers, we offer Read to Me, Please! Parents, grandparents, siblings and caregivers are encouraged to read to children Birth—Pre-K. After sharing 25 books, the child is awarded a certificate and other surprises! Mark your calendar and visit your local branch of the Harford County Public Library beginning June 18 for fun programs and to sign up for this year’s Summer Reading Challenge.