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# Opening the Gift

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## If You're Happy and You Know It



*Busy Fingers* by C.W. Bowie

*Get Happy* by Malachy Doyle

*Feeling Happy* by Helen Frost

*I Like Myself* by Karen Beaumont

*Clap Your Hands* by David Ellwand

*Reading Makes You Feel Good* by Todd Parr

*Here Are My Hands* by Bill Martin Jr and John Achambault

*What's Cookin'?: A Happy Birthday Counting Book* by Nancy Coffelt



## Nursery Rhyme: Pat-A-Cake, Pat-A-Cake



### Songs & Fingerplays to Share:



#### Fee Fi Fo Fum

Fee fi fo fum

(bounce hand as fist)

See my fingers

(open out four fingers)

See my thumb.

(hold up thumb)

Fee fi fo fum

(bounce hand)

Good-bye fingers

(fold fingers in)

Good-bye thumb.

(tuck thumb into fingers)

*Early Literacy Storytimes @ Your Library*  
by Saroj Ghoshing

#### Are You Ready?

(tune: Are You Sleeping?)

Are you ready? Are you ready?

Let me see; let me see.

Show me if you're ready;

show me if you're ready.

One, two, three,

Eyes on me!

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#### Up, Down, Turn Around

Up, down, turn around.

Touch the sky

and touch the ground.

Wiggle your fingers,

Wiggle your toes.

Wiggle your shoulders,

say "Hello!"



#### Hug Your Bear

(to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Hug, hug, hug your bear,

Squeeze him very tight.

Hold him high,

Help him fly.

Then hug with all your might.

[www.thevirtualvine.com](http://www.thevirtualvine.com)

#### We Can Jump, Jump, Jump

We can jump, jump, jump.

We can hop, hop, hop.

We can clap, clap, clap.

We can stop, stop, stop.

We can nod our heads for yes.

We can shake our heads for no.

We can bend our knees a little bit.

And we ...can sit ...down s-l-o-w.

*traditional*

#### 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.

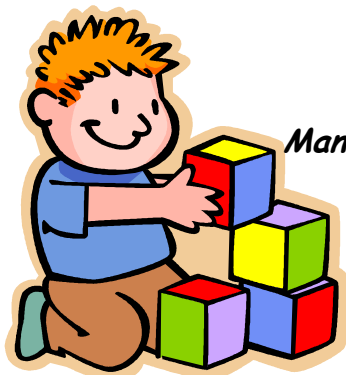
Now spin yourself around,

and take a BIG bow!

Your next visit will be: **October** \_\_\_\_\_

Next month's theme will be: "How Corny!"





## More Books to Share:

*Manners With A Library Book* by Amanda Doering Tourville

*Hooray For Me!* by Remy Charlip and Lilian Moore

*When You Are Happy* by Eileen Spinelli

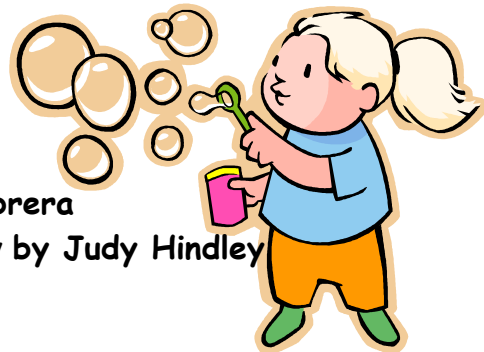
*Alicia's Happy Day* by Meg Starr

*Hands!* by Virginia Kroll

*Think Happy!* by Nancy Carlson

*If You're Happy and You Know It!* by Jane Cabrera

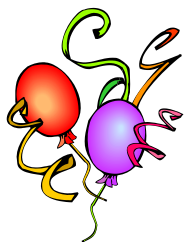
*Eyes, Nose, Fingers and Toes: A First Book All About You* by Judy Hindley



## Activity Ideas:

**Colorful Collage Headband:** Youngsters showcase their favorite colors with this vibrant headband. Supply colorful construction paper strips labeled with color words, along with a variety of craft materials, such as tissue paper, sticky dots, craft ribbon, and craft feathers. A child chooses a strip and then glues materials of the same color to the strip. When the glue is dry, size the strip to fit the child's head.

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**Birthday Time Capsule:** Have the birthday child answer such questions as their favorite book, best friend, favorite game, favorite color, and favorite food. Record their answers on a sheet of paper that is rolled up and tucked away in a Time Capsule (empty paper towel holder). On their next birthday, record the answers to the same questions, then compare them to the previous year.

*kindergartentreehouse.com*

## Book of the Month:

*One, Two, What Can I Do?* by Connie Bergstein Dow

PTC 372.86

"Keep the day moving with sixty-five playful dance activities, each providing children ages one through eight with opportunities to exercise, practice and improve large motor skills, and develop body awareness and control. These movement activities can be used during greetings and goodbyes, group time, transitions, and quiet time. Accessible and adaptable for all children, including those with special needs or different learning styles, each dance-and-music pairing is irresistibly fun.

*One, Two, What Can I Do?:* comes with accompanying music CDs with forty tracks--songs with lyrics and instrumentals written and performed by Debbie Clement."

*Provided by publisher*



## Road to Reading Tip:

Don't use books as a threat—"If you don't pickup your room, no story tonight!"

If you threaten to take away reading time, your child may begin to think negatively about reading together.

*Ready at Five*

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