The More We Read Together

Jump by David McPhail
Hand Book by Jeff Newman
Hello Hello by Brendan Wenzel
Amazing Me! Sing! by Carol Thompson
Spunky Little Monkey by Bill Martin Jr
Show Me Happy by Kathryn Medline Allen
Open This Little Book by Jesse Klausmeier
The Crayon Box That Talked by Shane DeRolf

Nursery Rhyme: Jack and Jill

CD: “Wiggy Wiggy Wiggles Freeze Dance” from Sally the Swinging Snake by Hap Palmer

Hands Are Clapping
(Tune: Skip to My Lou)

Hands are clapping, clap, clap, clap
Hands are clapping, clap, clap, clap
Clap your hands, my darling!

Continue with:
Toes are tapping...
Fingers are wiggling...
Eyes are hiding “peek-a-boo”...

Storytime is starting now.

If You’re Happy and You Know It Read a Book
(tune: If You’re Happy and You Know It)

If you’re happy and you know it read a book.
(Pretend to open a book)
If you’re happy and you know it read a book.
If you’re happy and you know it and you really want to show it.
If you’re happy and you know it read a book.

Additional verse suggestions:
...turn the page
...look at the pictures
...close your book

Scarf Song
(tune: London Bridge)

Can you wave your scarf with me,
Scarf with me, scarf with me.
Let’s wave it in the air!

Now you put it on your knee,
On your knee, on your knee.
Now you put it on your knee,
Then wave it in the air!

Now you put it on your head,
On your head, on your head.
Now you put it on your head,
Then wave it in the air!

Now let’s wad it in a ball,
In a ball, in a ball
Now let’s wad it in a ball,
And TOSS it in the air!

Your next visit will be: October ______
Next month’s theme will be: “Itsy Bitsy Friends”
Activity Ideas:

Zigzagging Along: (PREWRITING) Use masking tape (or craft tape) to make a large zigzag design on a tabletop; then attach a green sticky dot (start) and a red sticky dot (finish) to opposite ends of the zigzag. Provide tools to trace with, such as a large craft feather, a paintbrush, a craft stick, and an unsharpened pencil. A student chooses an item. Starting at the green dot, she uses the item to trace the zigzag from left to right, stopping at the red dot.

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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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My Favorite Veggies Bouquet: Set out separate containers of fresh vegetables such as carrot sticks, celery sticks, cucumber rounds, cherry tomatoes, broccoli florets, sweet pepper strips, etc. Provide each child with a cake (flat bottomed) ice cream cone and encourage them to create unique bouquets of their favorite vegetables. Add a dollop of dip or peanut butter, if you like. It’s the perfect portable snack!

Book of the Month:

A Little Drama: Playful Activities for Young Children by Lavinia Roberts  
PTC 372.66R

With more than 200 inquiry-based and child-centered activities and exercises, A Little Drama will help teachers (including those with no theater experience of their own) develop the body, voice, mind, and heart of young children. Use these activities to help children navigate daily transitions, to calm children when it’s time to quiet, and to develop children’s creativity, sense of self, and social-emotional, physical and literacy skills (and have a lot of fun along the way). (Perseus Publishing)

Road to Reading Tip:

Research shows that when we read and talk with babies and young children, we help to create brain connections associated with language development. Talking, singing, and reading with young children are the best things you can do to prepare them to become readers. Exploring and playing with books, singing nursery rhymes, listening to stories, recognizing words, and scribbling are truly the building blocks for language and literacy development. Children love hearing your voice, so talking with them helps to make memories and lifelong connections with your child.

http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2014/05/early-literacy-tips-with-some-pizzazz/

More Books to Share:

I Feel Teal by Lauren Rille
Right Now by Jessica Olien
Sharing Time by Elizabeth Verdick
Shades of People by Shelley Rotner
All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold
This Story Is For You by Gregg Pizzoli
Reading Makes You Feel Good by Todd Parr
Manners With a Library Book by Amanda Doering Tourville