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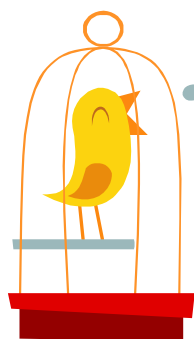
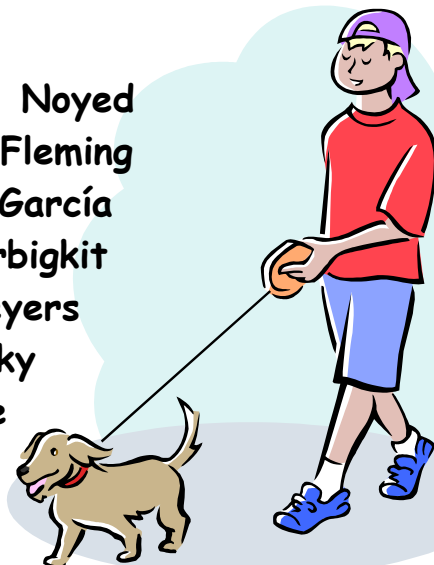


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Woof! Meow! Squeak!

Rabbits by Cynthia Klingel and Robert B. Noyed
Mama Cat Has Three Kittens by Denise Fleming
Pick a Pet by Shelley Rotner and Cheo García
Puppies, Puppies Everywhere! by Cat Urbigkit
Kittens! Kittens! Kittens! by Susan Meyers
I Don't Like Gloria! by Kaye Umansky
Guinea Pig Party by Holly Surplice
I Love Dogs by Barney Saltzberg
Pet Hamster by Robin Nelson



Nursery Rhyme: Old Mother Hubbard Songs & Fingerplays to Share:



CD: "The Freeze" from *We All Live Together* by Greg & Steve

Little Puppies and Kittens

One little, two little, three little kittens,
(raise up 3 fingers of one hand)

Were napping in the sun.

(bend fingers down)

One little, two little, three little puppies said,

(raise up three fingers of other hand)

"Come, let us all have fun."

Up to the kittens the puppies went creeping,

As quiet as could be.

(move fingers slowly toward kitten fingers)

One little, two little, three little kittens

(raise up three kitten fingers)

Went scampering up a tree.

(move kitten fingers quickly into the air)

Ring-A Ring O' Roses



Fun With Paws

Roll, roll, roll your paws,
As slow as slow can be,
Roll, roll, roll your paws,
Do it now with me.

Roll, roll, roll your paws,
As fast as fast can be,
Roll, roll, roll your paws,
Do it now with me.

Hop, Hop, Hop

Hop, hop, hop like your bunny,

Run, run, run like your dog.

Walk, walk, walk like your cat,

Jump, jump, jump like your frog.

Swim, swim, swim like your goldfish,

FLY, FLY, FLY like your bird.

Then sit right down and don't say a single word.

Love Your Pets

(tune: *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*)

Love, love, love your pets,

Love them every day.

Give them food and water, too.

Then let them run and play.

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Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat

Kitty Cat, kitty cat, turn around.

Kitty, Cat, Kitty Cat, scratch the ground.

Kitty cat, Kitty Cat go upstairs to prow!

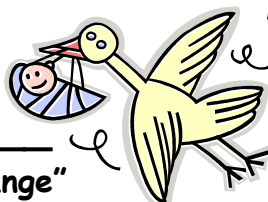
Kitty cat, Kitty Cat say meow!

Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat curl up tight.

Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat, say goodnight.

Your next visit will be: April _____

Next month's theme will be: "Time For a Change"





More Books to Share:

I Want a Pet by Lauren Child

What Pet to Get by Emma Dodd

The Birthday Pet by Ellen Javernick

Pet Shop Lullaby by Mary Ann Fraser

Before You Were Mine by Maribeth Boelts

Ninety-Three In My Family by Erica S. Perl

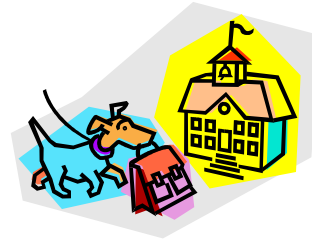
Please Don't Tease Tootsie by Margaret Chamberlain

May I Pet Your Dog? The How-to Guide for Kids Meeting Dogs by Stephanie Calmenson

Activity Ideas:

Obedience School! (large motor skill) Encourage the children to pretend they are dogs. As "the trainer" calls out a command (fetch, sit, lie down, roll over, bark, beg, speak, etc.), the children act it out. Once they get the hang of it, try two commands, then three—what a fun way to practice following directions! Be sure to praise your puppies!

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Which Pet Am I? Tape a picture of a pet on a child's back. Have the child walk around the room so other children can see the picture of the pet. Then the child asks questions such as "Where does the pet live?", "How does the pet move around?", "What does the pet eat?". The child then tries to guess the identity of the pet. If the child has difficulty guessing, then provide more clues. hummingbirded.com

Pet Snacks: Use cookie cutters to cut toast into bone shapes for "doggy snacks" and fish shapes for "kitty snacks."

childfun.com



Book of the Month

Learning at Home Pre-K—3: Homework Activities that Engage Children and Families by Ann C. Barbour
PTC 372.21 B

Families play a critical role in helping young children develop a solid academic foundation and a love of learning. This book is bursting at the seams with hundreds of fun activities designed to:

- * Relate directly to children's own experiences
- * Employ concrete, easily accessible materials
- * Include shared reading experiences, family projects, and games
- * Promote literacy learning in homes where English is not the primary language
- * Integrate developmental and content areas, including language and literacy, mathematics, science and the creative arts



Road to Reading Tip:



Early literacy skills begin long before children go to preschool or kindergarten. Make sure your pre-reader gets off to a healthy start and have their vision and hearing checked every year by a health care professional. If you have noticed your child having difficulty with hearing, seeing or speaking, be sure to discuss your concerns with the doctor, nurse or other care provider.

www.getreadytoread.org

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?! Call Melinda Chase, Bel Air Branch, at 410 638-3151, ext. 2279.

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**Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the cupboard,
To fetch her poor dog a bone.
But when she got there
The cupboard was bare,
And so the poor dog had none.**



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EARLY LITERACY EXTRA! NARRATIVE SKILLS

Oh, no! What can Mother Hubbard do for her hungry dog? Ask your child to tell a story to solve this problem; take time to listen and to add to what they say. Developing this early literacy skill helps later with reading comprehension.