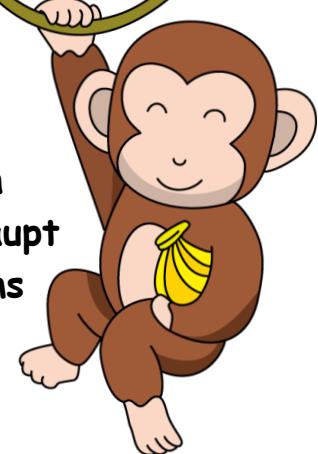
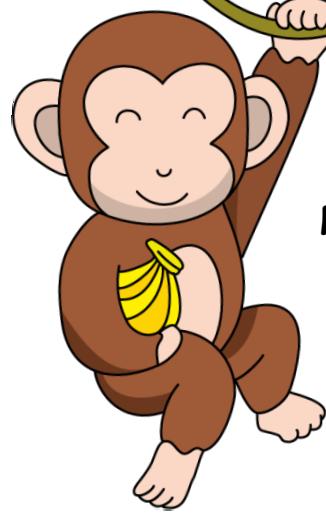


Opening the Gift

A Barrel of Monkeys

April 2015



Betty Goes Bananas by Steve Antony

Monkey See, Monkey Do by Dana Regan

Monkey See, Look at Me! by Lorena Siminovich

Warning Do Not Open This Book! by Adam Lehrhaupt

Ten Naughty Little Monkeys by Suzanne Williams

Monkey Monkey Monkey by Cathy MacLennan

Where's My Mom? by Julia Donaldson

Two Little Monkeys by Mem Fox

More and More by Emma Dodd



Nursery Rhyme: POP! Goes the Weasel

Songs & Fingerplays to Share



CD: "Apples and Bananas" by Raffi from *One Light, One Sun*

Monkey See Monkey Do

(demonstrate the actions for children to mimic)

Oh, when you clap, clap, clap your hands,

The monkey clap, clap, claps his hands

Chorus:

Monkey see, monkey do.

The monkey does the same as you.

And when you stamp, stamp stamp your feet,

The monkey stamp, stamp, stamps his feet.

Chorus

And when you jump, jump, jump up high,

The monkey jump, jump, jumps up high.

Chorus

And when you make a funny, funny face,

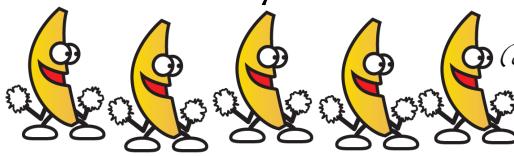
The monkey makes a funny, funny face.

Chorus

And when you turn, turn, turn about,

The monkey turn, turn, turns about.

Chorus



Banana Cheer!

Bananas of the world, UNITE!

(clap hands overhead, arms straight)

Peel bananas, peel peel bananas

(peeling motion)

Repeat

Slice bananas, slice slice bananas

(slicing motion)

Repeat

Squish bananas, squish squish bananas

(squishing motion)

Repeat

Eat bananas, eat eat bananas

(eating motion)

Repeat

GO BANANAS GO GO BANANAS!!

GO BANANAS GO GO BANANAS!!

(act as crazy as you want!)

Three Little Monkeys

Three little monkeys sitting in a tree
(hold up three fingers)

Eating bananas just like me
(pretend to eat banana)

One had a frown

(make a frown face)

One had a grin

(smile)

One had banana all over his chin!

(rub chin)

I'm a Little Monkey

(tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little monkey in a tree;
Swinging by my tail so merrily.

I can leap from tree to tree.

I have lots of fun you see.

I'm a little monkey, watch me play.

Munching on bananas every day.

Lots of monkey friends to play with me.

We have fun up in the tree.

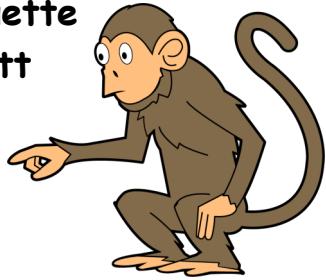
Your next visit will be: May _____

Next month's theme will be: "Hooray for Heroes"



More Books to Share:

- Double Play! Monkeying Around With Addition* by Betsy Franco
Five Little Monkeys Reading in Bed by Eileen Christelow
Little Monkey Says Goodnight by Ann Whitford Paul
So Say the Little Monkeys by Nancy Van Laan
One Monkey Too Many by Jackie French Koller
The Monkey Goes Bananas by C.P. Bloom
Little Monkey Lost by Keith DuQuette
Monkey and Me by Emily Gravett
Tall by Jez Alborough
Banana! by Ed Vere



Activity Ideas:

Monkey Meals: Set out a variety of toppings such as raisins, shredded carrots, coconut, mini chocolate chips and crispy cereal. Give each child a hot dog roll and a banana, with instructions to peel the banana and place it in the roll. Provide 2 tsp. peanut butter for each child to spread on the banana. Then let everyone choose the toppings they want to sprinkle on their Monkey Meals!

Monkey Math: Cut 5 monkey shapes from brown felt and 15 banana shapes from yellow felt. Number the monkeys from 1-5 and place them on the flannel board. Have the children identify the number on each monkey and place that many bananas in front of him.

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Going to the Zoo?: A trip to the zoo provides plenty of opportunities for learning experiences before, during, and after the trip. Use the excitement of your trip to encourage your child's language skills by providing a variety of books about animals. Read the books to the children and give them plenty of opportunities to explore the books on their own. The children will be developing their language skills through literature while fine-tuning their listening skills.

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Book of the Month:

Making Music by Ann Sayre Wiseman & John Langstaff



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From tambourines to rainsticks to dandelion trumpets, walnut castanets to shepherd's pipes to an abundance of homemade drums, here is a joyful quirky assortment of good sounds from found objects. *Making Music* gets kids excited about sounds, shows them how to make their own instruments, and helps them recognize that everything in the world makes its own music.



Road to Reading Tip:

Make Music a Part of Your Daily Life: Play music CDs or audiotapes to inspire your child to listen, move, dance, and sing along. Play them in the car or at home. Encourage your child to feel the rhythm of the music. Dance, clap, and sway to the sounds. Join your toddler while watching quality children's videos - *A Young Children's Concert* with Raffi is great fun.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/making-music-literacy-tips-parents>

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All around
the cobbler's bench,
The monkey
chased the weasel.
The monkey thought
it was all in fun.
POP! Goes the weasel!

EARLY LITERACY EXTRA! (Singing) Songs have a different note for each syllable, so children are hearing sounds of words broken down into parts. This will help them later as they learn to read and listen for the smaller parts, or syllables, of words.

As you sing this song with your child, clap on each note. Clapping along is a fun and natural way to emphasize the syllables of each word.