

Opening the Gift

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Shake My Sillies Out!

Wiggle by Doreen Cronin

Silly Sally by Audrey Wood

Dancing Feet! by Lindsey Craig

Wiggle Waggle by Jonathan London

Is Everyone Ready For Fun? by Jan Thomas

Monkey See, Look at Me! by Lorena Siminovich

Sometimes I Like to Curl Up in a Ball by Vicki Churchill

CD: Sing Along Steve's Love Peace Chicken Grease

Nursery Rhyme: Yankee Doodle

Songs & Fingerplays to Share:

Tuneful Transitions

(tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

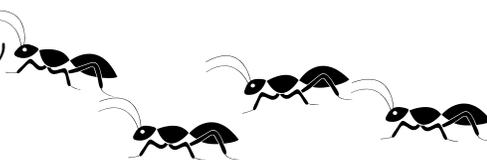
Hands go up and hands go down,
I can turn myself around.
I can stand upon one shoe,
I can listen, so can you.
I can sit, I'll show you how.
Storytime is starting now.

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Act Like an Animal

(act out the movements)

I can hop, hop, hop like a bunny,
And run, run, run like a dog;
I can walk, walk, walk
like an elephant,
And jump, jump, jump like a frog.
I can swim, swim, swim like a fish,
And fly, fly, fly like a bird;
I can sit right down and
fold my hands,
And not say a single word!



Wiggles and Giggles

(tune: The Farmer in the Dell)

There are ants in my pants!
There are ants in my pants!
Oh no, what should I do?
There are ants in my pants!

Perhaps I should [dance].
Perhaps I should [dance].
Oh no, what should I do?
Perhaps I should [dance].

Continue with the following:

jump, march, crawl, twist, stretch, jog
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Scarf Song

(tune: London Bridge)

Can you wave your scarf with me,
Scarf with me, scarf with me.
Can you wave your 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: "Acorns All Around"



More Books to Share:

I Am Me! by Alexa Brandenburg
Are You a Cow? by Sandra Boynton
Nobunny's Perfect by Anna Dewdney
Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein
Reading Makes You Feel Good by Todd Parr
Can You Make a Scary Face? by Jan Thomas
Such a Silly Baby! by Steffanie & Richard Lorig
Knick Knack Paddy Whack (with sing-along CD) by SteveSongs
Whoosh Around the Mulberry Bush by Jane Ormerod and Lindsay Gardiner



Activity Ideas:

You're a Star! Use a white crayon to write each child's name on a separate sheet of black construction paper. Place the papers at a table along with sheets of star stickers. Encourage the children to locate the paper with their name on it, then outline the letters with peel and stick stars.

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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!



Friendship Chain: Provide each child with a supply of paper strips. Discuss how we are all individuals but together we are friends! A friend is someone to have fun with, to play with, to laugh with, to sing with and to share with. Take turns as each child names special things they like to do with their friends, things they like to do alone, and ways they can be a good friend. Add one of their links to the chain for every idea!

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Book of the Month:

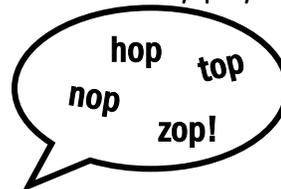
1001 Fun Ways to Play by Susan Elisabeth Davis & Nancy Wilson Hall

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Featuring surefire ways to amuse and entertain little ones from birth through age five, this resource highlights developmental milestones along with activities to enhance growth in key areas such as language, problem solving, imagination, coordination, and motor skills. The kid-friendly play ideas are ideal for spontaneous fun—no gear or prep work required!



Road to Reading Tip:



Play with words! Preschoolers love silliness including silliness around words. See how many rhyming words your child can make up ... whether it is a "real" word or nonsense! Hearing those smaller sounds in words is so important to being able to sound out words when children learn to read.

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**Yankee Doodle came to town,
Riding on a pony.
He stuck a feather in his cap
And called it macaroni.**



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EARLY LITERACY EXTRA! Phonological Awareness

How many words can you and your child think of that rhyme with “macaroni”?