

Opening the Gift

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Got To Be Me!

Wild About Us! by Karen Beaumont
Hot Cold Shy Bold by Pamela Harris
Quick As a Cricket by Audrey Wood
Say Hello Like This! by Mary Murphy
Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae
Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
Dance With Me by Charles R. Smith Jr.
Mice Squeak, We Speak by Tomie dePaola
Show Me Happy by Kathryn Madeline Allen
Eyes, Nose, Fingers, and Toes by Judy Hindley
Nursery Rhyme: The Itsy Bitsy Spider
Songs & Fingerplays to Share:



CD: "Hands Are For Clapping" from *Jim Gill Sings the Sneezing Song and Other Contagious Tunes*

Tuneful Transitions

(tune: *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*)

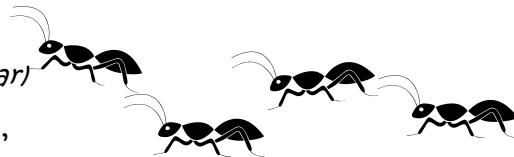
Hands go up and hands go down,
I can turn myself around.
I can stand upon one shoe,
I can listen, so can you.
I can sit, I'll show you how.
Storytime is starting now.

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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
Mailbox Magazine, Preschool Edition April/May '12

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: "Autumn Colors"



More Books to Share:

Incredible ME! by Kathi Appelt

Now I'm Big by Margaret Miller

Be Positive! by Cheri J. Meiners

No One But You by Douglas Wood

I Can Do It, Too! by Karen Backer

All of ME! A Book of Thanks by Molly Bang

I Know a Lot of Things by Ann & Paul Rand

Shades of People by Shelley Rotner & Sheila M. Kelly

Here Are My Hands by Bill Martin Jr & John Archambault



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:

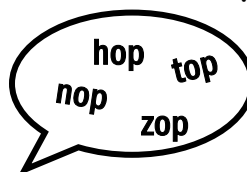
Child of Wonder: Nurturing Creative & Naturally Curious Children by Ginger Carlson, M.A. Ed.

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Nurture children who think, wonder, and love to learn! This first book in The Wonder Collection is a well-organized, easy-to-read collection of inspiring ideas and techniques to help parents and educators guide children in creative development. A thoughtful and engaging resource for all parents and educators who want to understand creativity, how to encourage it, and discover practical ways to set up an environment that will help children think and create more.



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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