

Opening the Gift



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Who Put the Cookie in the Cookie Jar? by George Shannon

Who Ate All the Cookie Dough? by Karen Beaumont

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff

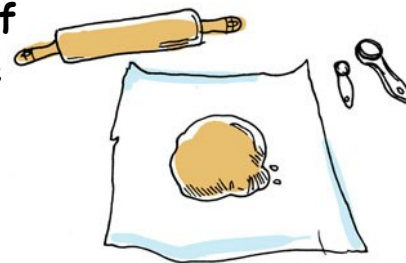
The Best Mouse Cookie by Laura Numeroff

Baking Day at Grandma's by Anika Denise

Bake, Mice, Bake! by Eric Seltzer

The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins

Cow Loves Cookies by Karma Wilson



Nursery Rhyme: Pat -A-Cake Songs & Fingerplays to Share



CD: "All Around the Kitchen" Dan Zanes from The Best of the Land of Nod Vol. 1

Make Cookies

I am making cookie dough
Round and round the beaters go
(make round and round motion)
Add some flour from a cup
(pretend to pour)
Stir and stir the batter up
(pretend to stir)
Roll them, and cut them, nice and neat
(roll hands, pretend to cut)
Put them on a cookie sheet
(pretend to lay out cookies)
Bake them and count them 123
(count with fingers)
and serve them to your friends for tea!

Up, Down, Fast, Slow

*recite this chant
as children follow the directions*

Gingerbread, gingerbread,
reach up high.
See if you can touch the sky.
Gingerbread, gingerbread,
ready to go?
See if you can crouch down low.
Gingerbread, gingerbread,
oh, so sweet,
Take a bow; then have a seat.
Gingerbread, gingerbread,
in a crowd,
Clap your hands very loud.
Gingerbread, gingerbread,
quietly clap.
Now fold your hands
into your lap.

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Gingerbread Runaways

Five sleepy men made of gingerbread,
Awoke one morning on a cookie sheet bed.
"Hey!: said One, "Let's go play."
"No," said Two, "Let's run away!"
"Shhh," said Three, "Someone will hear."
"Phooey," said Four, "There's no one near."
"Come on, said Five, as he jumped to the floor.
And the five little men danced out the door.



If You Like Cookies and You Know It

(tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)
If you like cookies and you know it clap your hands,
If you like cookies and you know it clap your hands,
If you like cookies and you know it
and you really want to show it,
If you like cookies and you know it clap your hands.
*Continue with ...stomp your feet...
...shout hooray*



Your next visit will be: January _____
Next month's theme will be: "Outside My Winter Window"



More Books to Share:

Catch the Cookie by Hallie Durand

Gingerbread Friends by Jan Brett

The Moon Might Be Milk by Lisa Shulman

Who Made This Cake by Chihiro Nakagawa

Gingerbread Man retold by Eric A. Kimmel

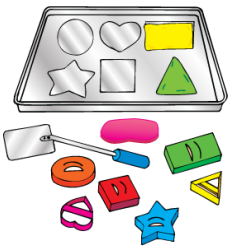
The Gingerbread Girl by Lisa Campbell Ernst

The Library Gingerbread Man by Dotti Enderle

Christmas Cookies: Bite-Size Holiday Lessons by Amy Krouse Rosenthal



Activity Ideas:



MATCHING SHAPES: Stir up a batch of shape-matching practice at your play dough center! Gather cookie cutters in several basic shapes and an aluminum cookie sheet. Use a permanent marker to trace each cookie cutter on the cookie sheet. Place the cookie sheet, the cookie cutters, a rolling pin, and a spatula at the center. Each visiting baker rolls out some play dough. He cuts the dough with a selected cookie cutter, uses the spatula to lift the cookie shape, and then positions the shape on the cookie sheet atop the matching outline. He repeats until each outline is topped with a cookie. Cookies, anyone? themailbox.com

GINGERBREAD PLAYDOUGH: Ingredients: 2 C. flour, 1 C. salt, 1 Tbsp. g round cloves, 1 Tbsp. ground allspice, 1 Tbsp. ground ginger, 1 Tbsp. ground cinnamon, 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil, 1 cup water. Combine ingredients in a large bowl. Mix together well and knead them until smooth. Store the dough in an airtight container and refrigerate until ready to use.

Book of the Month:

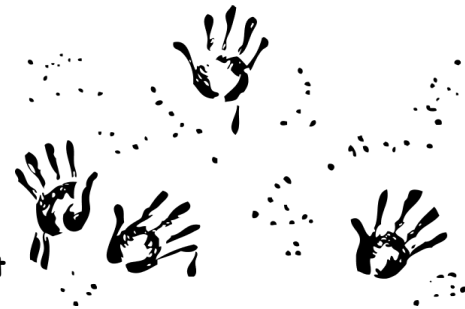
Creating a Beautiful Mess by Ann Gadzikowski

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Parents want their children to be happy and healthy, to play and to learn.

In this fast-paced information age, parenting advice is everywhere. Yet what families really need is a reminder that raising a child isn't a series of right

or wrong answers; it's a playful, joyous experience. Drawing from years as an early childhood educator, the author describes ten universal play experiences all children enjoy (as well as the developmental benefits they provide). *Creating a Beautiful Mess* gives parents the news they can use to foster a balanced childhood, one with plenty of running, building, creating, cuddling, tinkering, and pretending. Play is a child's pathway to joy.



Road to Reading Tip:

Introduce uppercase and lowercase letters. Your child will not likely be reading books that have all uppercase letters, so it's imperative that you talk about uppercase and lowercase letters early on. Play games that involve matching uppercase and lowercase letters and spell your child's name using both cases. pbs.org

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