Early Literacy At Home Turkey FUN!

November 2020

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is almost here! While things may look a little different this year, we hope that you get to focus on quality time with people you love.

Early literacy skills are important in ensuring your child's success in their school career and beyond. In this month's kit, we celebrate turkeys! You'll sing songs, play counting games and puzzles, and even make Oreo turkeys. When you read, sing, and play with your child, you are building those skills, and most importantly, showing them that learning can be fun! Plus, it is a special time that you get to spend together.

We are excited to announce a new program, starting the first Monday in December. As the nights get longer and the season grows colder, we love to snuggle up with a story at bedtime, and we hope you do too! Miss Nicole will be hosting a virtual Family Bedtime Stories program select Monday nights at 6:30pm. Give us a call or check on our website for the most up-to-date information and this program and more.

Sincerely, April & Nicole Children's Department



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NOVEMBER 2020 Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 WRITING	² PLAYING	³ TALKING	4 SINGING	5 COUNTING	6 READING	7 WRITING
Create a list of things to do this month. Hang it up where everyone can see. Have your child check off items as they are completed.	Go for a walk after dark. Pretend you are an explorer. Talk about what you see.	At the end of the day talk about everything that happened. What did you like best about today?	Have a family sing-along. Each person gets to pick a favorite song.	Draw numbers 1-10 in big puffy letters. Help your child color in each one as you say each one.	Read a book that won the Caldecott Medal. The library will help you find one based on what your child likes.	Write a message to someone important.
8 PLAYING	9 TALKING	10 SINGING	11 COUNTING	12 READING	13 WRITING	14 PLAYING
Play "I Spy" with rhyming words. I spy with my little eye something that rhymes with hat. Yes, a cat!	In the morning talk about what you will do today. What are you especially excited to do?	Recite "Rub a Dub Dub."	Make cloud dough together. (Follow the recipe on the back. (*)	Read a fiction and nonfiction book about fall. Your library has lots to choose from!	Draw your child's name in big puffy letters. Help them color in the letters as you say each one.	Make a fort with sheets and furniture. Pretend you are sleeping there overnight. What will you bring? Read a book together in the fort.
15 TALKING	16 SINGING	17 COUNTING	18 READING	19 WRITING	20 PLAYING	21 TALKING
Talk about fun things you like to do together as a family.	Sing a favorite rhyming song. Stop at the end of a line and have your child fill in the word. (See Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star on the back.)	Name four things that begin with the first letter of your child's first name.	Snuggle together and read two favorite books and one new book you haven't read yet.	Scribble day! Have lots of papers, markers, crayons for your child to scribble and draw.	Do the alphabet hop! Write letters on paper and place them on the floor. Hop from one to the next naming the letters.	Talk about opposites. Reach high to the sky and low to the ground. Take a big step and a little step.
22 SINGING	23 COUNTING	24 READING	25 WRITING	26 PLAYING	27 TALKING	28 SINGING
Sing a song your toddler knows but stop and let your children fill in the blanks. "Row, row, row, your"	See how many cotton balls you can fit into a variety of different-sized containers. How many can fit in this cup? How many can fit in your pocket?	Read a book about Thanksgiving.	Make a book with your child. Draw letters and pictures to tell a story. Tape the pages together.	Go for a morning walk. Walk slow. Walk fast. (Toddler pace). Repeat.	Ask your child "What is your favorite toy?" Have a conversation about the answer.	March to a drum. Use any empty container as a drum, then play the drum and march to the tempo, going from slow to fast.
29 COUNTING Make a number path. Recite	30 READING Read a book about Winter.					· T.

each number as your child walks the path.

Talk about the seasons.







Listening to nursery rhymes and songs is an early literacy experience that helps children understand how language and stories work.

Recite rhymes and sing songs with children from the time they are infants. This helps them become aware of and then play with the sounds in the words. Many rhymes tell a story with a beginning, middle, and end. This shows children how stories work and that events happen in a sequence. Good readers understand that stories and books have a beginning, middle, and end. After reciting a rhyme or singing a song ask your child about the song. What happened at the beginning? What happened at the end?

RUB A DUB DUB

Rub a Dub Dub Three Men in a Tub And Who Do You Think They Be? The Butcher, The Baker, The Candlestick Maker And All of the them Out to Sea

CLOUD DOUGH RECIPE

4 cups of flour
½ cup of vegetable oil
Food coloring

 Add the food coloring to the oil. Use as much or as little food color as needed to achieve the color you like.

2. Mix in the flour.

- 3. Use your hands to knead the dough so the oil is distributed evenly.
- 4. Use on a large tray or shallow bin to help keep the dough in one play. Give your child cookie cutters, measuring cups, or other items to play with the dough.

Books to Read this Month

Check out these books at the library. If they are not available, ask the librarian for a recommendation.

FOR READERS AGES 0-3

How Are You? / ¿Cómo estás? by Angela Dominguez (Text is in English and Spanish)

Arctic Animals by Jill McDonald

FOR READERS AGES 3+

Baby Monkey, Private Eye by Brian Selznick

A Big Mooncake for Little Star by Grace Lin



Early Literacy At Home November: Turkeys



You'll need adult hands for this fun recipe!!

Cooking: Oreo

"Turkeys"!

Ingredients

- Golden Double Stuf Oreos
- Icing or Cream Cheese
- Round candy or dried fruit (for eyes)
- Candy corn
- Red fruit strips

Instructions

- Stick six or so candy corn into the Oreo cream for the tail.
- Apply eyes with cream cheese or icing.
- Cut fruit strip into a long triangle and wrap it around one piece of candy corn.
- Stick the candy corn nose on the Óreo with cream cheese or icing.



Five Little Turkeys

(to the tune of Five Little Monkeys)

Five little turkeys by the barn door, One waddled off, then there were four.

Four little turkeys out under the tree, One waddled off, then there were three.

Three little turkeys with nothing to do. One waddled off, then there were two.

Two little turkeys in the noonday sun, One waddled off, then there was one.

One little turkey - better run away! Soon it will be Thanksgiving Day.

Literacy Tip:

Sing a favorite counting song. Stop at the end of a line and have your child fill in the word. Use fingers to keep track!

"Five little turkeys by the barn door, One waddled off, then there were/was___!"

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