

Dear Parents:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our toddler and preschool storytimes. Please continue helping your child develop a love for books and reading by sharing these rhymes, books, and other activities with your child.



# pu-r-r-r-fect Kitty



## Books To Share

*Kitten's First Full Moon*

by Kevin Henkes

*Cat Tale*

by Michael Hall

*A Kitten Tale*

by Eric Rohmann

*Mama Cat Has Three Kittens*

by Denise Fleming

*Have You Seen My Cat?*

by Eric Carle

*Cat the Cat, Who is That?*

by Mo Willems

*How to Be a Cat*

by Nikki McClure

*Cat Count*

by Betsy Lewin

*If you Give a Cat a Cupcake*

by Laura Numeroff

*Nini Lost and Found*

by Anita Lobel

*Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library!*

by Vicki Myron

*Bad Kitty*

by Nick Bruel

*Pete the Cat* series

by Eric Litwin

*Splat the Cat* picture book series

by Rob Scotton



## Fun With Fingerplays and Songs

### **Five Little Kittens**

Five little kittens standing in a row.

*(Stand all five fingers up on one hand)*

They nod their heads to the children so.

*(Bend your fingers in a "nod")*

They run to the left, they run to the right.

*(Move hand/fingers to the left, then right)*

They stand up and stretch in the bright sunlight.

*(Stand fingers, stretching high)*

Along comes a dog, who's in for some fun.

*(Bring other hand out like a dog chasing)*

M-e-oooow, see those kittens run!

*(Have hand "run" behind back)*

### **I'm a Little Kitten**

(tune: "I'm a Little Teapot")

I'm a little kitten, soft and furry.

I'll be your friend, so don't you worry.

Right up on your lap I like to hop.

I'll purr, purr, purr and never stop.

### **If You're a Cat and You Know It**

(tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It")

If you're a cat and you know it say meow, "meow".

If you're a cat and you know it say meow, "meow".

If you're a cat and you know it,

And you really want to show it,

If you're a cat and you know it say meow, "meow".

(continue with more verses)

- If you're a cat and you know it lick your paws...

- If you're a cat and you know it purr like this...

- If you're a cat and you know it pounce like this...

## I Know a Cat

(tune: "B-I-N-G-O")

I know a cat with perky ears,  
and Kitty is her name-o.  
K-I-T-T-Y, K-I-T-T-Y, K-I-T-T-Y,  
And Kitty is her name-o.  
She makes a sound and it's "Meow",  
and Kitty is her name-o.  
K-I-T-T-Y, K-I-T-T-Y, K-I-T-T-Y,  
and Kitty is her name-o.

## Little Mousie

Here's a little mousie,  
Peeking through a hole,  
*(Make a fist with one hand and poke your index finger  
with the other hand through the fist)*  
Peek to the left, *(Wiggle your index finger to the left)*  
Peek to the right, *(Wiggle it to the right)*  
Pull your head back in,  
*(Pull your finger inside your fist)*  
There's a cat in sight!

## Warm Kitty

*(Make one hand into a fist, just like a little cat curled  
up to sleep. Take other hand and stroke your "cat"  
very, very softly.)*  
Soft kitty, warm kitty,  
Little ball of fur.  
Happy kitty, sleepy kitty,  
Purr, purr, purr.



## Cat Talk

Cats can meow.  
Cats can growl.  
Cats can purr.  
Cats can yowl.  
Cats can arch their backs and hiss,  
Just like this...!  
*(bend over, arch back and  
hold up hands like paws and hiss.)*

## Other Fun Things

### Cat Masks

Supplies: Paper plates, glue, craft sticks, construction paper, colored tissue paper, pipe cleaners, pom-poms.

Directions: Create masks using paper plates. Cut eye-holes in the plates. Tape craft sticks onto the plates so they can be held up to the face. Use different craft materials to create the face: pipe cleaner whiskers, construction paper ears, pom-pom noses, and colored tissue spots for fur.



### Three Little Kittens' Mittens

Cut out three pairs of mittens from different colored felt. Have your child pick out one mitten, and then find it's match.

### Cat Word Games

Together with your child, say words that rhyme with "cat". Think of names for a cat that begin with "C".

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Help your children develop early literacy skills now; this makes it easier for children to learn to read once they begin school.

Five of the best ways to help your child get ready to read are:

- Talking
- Singing
- Reading
- Writing
- Playing

If you would like more information, please ask the staff in the children's area.

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