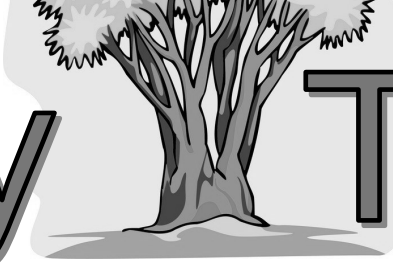


Dear Parents:

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.

# Climb the Family Tree



## Books To Share

*The Family Book*

by Todd Parr

*Ol' Mama Squirrel*

by David Ezra Stein

*Bumpety Bump*

by Pat Hutchins

*Yes, Let's*

by Galen Goodwin Longstreth

*Whose Mouse Are You?*

by Robert Kraus

*Who's In My Family?*

by Robie H. Harris

*Because I Am Your Daddy*

by Sherry North

*Chloe*

by Peter McCarty

*Time-Out For Sophie*

by Rosemary Wells

*Grandma, It's For You!*

by Harriet Ziefert

*Hello! Hello!*

by Matthew Cordell

*All For Pie, Pie For All*

by David Martin

*Day By Day*

by Susan Gal

## Fun With Rhymes and Songs

### **Mother and Father and Uncle John**

Mother and Father and Uncle John

*(Bounce in your seat.)*

Went to town, one by one.

Mother jumped off

*(Lean to one side.)*

Father jumped off

*(Lean to other side.)*

But Uncle John went on and on and on.

*(Keep bouncing!)*

### **Grandma's Spectacles**

Here are Grandma's spectacles

And here is Grandma's hat.

Here's the way she folds her hands

And puts them in her lap.

Here are Grandpa's spectacles

And here is Grandpa's hat.

Here's the way he folds his arms

And takes a little nap.

### **My Ma is a Millionaire**

My ma is a millionaire,

Sky-blue eyes and curly hair;

She can play the violin,

Sitting on a biscuit tin.

### **Hats**

Grandma's big hat fits me fine.

Let's share, Grandma.

You try mine!



## Who Will Feed the Baby?

Who will feed the baby?

*(Make feeding motions.)*

Who will go to the store?

*(Make fingers run.)*

Who will cook the dinner?

*(Make stirring motions.)*

Who will clean the floor?

*(Make scrubbing motions.)*

Who will wash the clothes?

*(As if washing clothes by hand.)*

Who will cut the grass?

*(Push a lawnmower.)*

Who will wash the car?

*(Big polishing motions.)*

Who will get the gas?

*(Pretend to steer car.)*

If everybody helps,

The work will soon be done.

Then there will be time

For having lots of fun—Hooray!

*(Clap in rhythm through this verse;  
raise arms on the hooray.)*

## Piggy Back

My daddy rides me piggyback.

My mama rides me, too.

But Grandma says her poor old back

Has had enough to do.

~ Langston Hughes

## Knock, Knock Family

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Grandma Jennie.

*(Each relative shows up and repeat)*

Knock, knock

Who's there?

Pizza! Party!



## Other Fun Things

### Tracing Family Hands

Staple several sheets of paper together to form a booklet. Let your preschooler trace the outlines of the hands of family members in this booklet, and then color with crayons, adding details such as fingernails, wristwatches, and rings. Write the name that goes with each hand.

### Our Family Tree

Write the names of family members on leaves. Color, cut out, and paste leaves onto the branches of your family tree. See separate page for leaf and tree patterns.



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- Playing

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