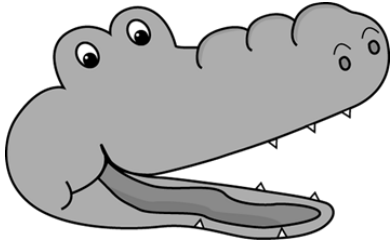


Dear Parents:

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.



Crocodile Chompers!

Books To Share

Five little monkeys sitting in a tree / Eileen Christelow
I am an alligator / Karen Durrie
Jump! / Scott M. Fischer
The lady with the alligator purse / adapted and illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott
Snip snap! : what's that? / by Mara Bergman ; illustrated by Nick Maland
Solomon Crocodile / Catherine Rayner
There's an alligator under my bed / written and illustrated by Mercer Mayer
The watermelon seed / Greg Pizzoli
Well, a crocodile can! / Malachy Doyle
What time is it, Mr. Crocodile? / Judy Sierra ; illustrated by Doug Cushman
Alligator boy / Cynthia Rylant & Diane Goode
The crocodile blues / Coleman Polhemus
The crocodile who didn't like water / Gemma Merino
The fantastic Mr. Wani / Kanako Usui
A frog in the bog / Karma Wilson ; [illustrated by] Joan Rankin
A girl and her gator / by Sean Bryan ; illustrations by Tom Murphy
The kindhearted crocodile / by Lucia Panzieri ; illustrated by AntonGionata Ferrari
Open very carefully / Nicola O'Byrne ; with words by Nick Bromley
Snap! / Mick Manning, Brita Granström
Snip snap! : what's that? / by Mara Bergman ; illustrated by Nick Maland
Solomon Crocodile / Catherine Rayner
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Fun With Fingerplays and Songs

One Little, Two Little, Three Little Crocodiles

One little, two little, three little crocodiles,
Four little, five little, six little crocodiles
Seven little, eight little, nine little crocodiles,
Ten crocodiles with a smile.

Ten little, nine little, eight little crocodiles,
Seven little, six little, five little crocodiles,
Four little, three little, two little crocodiles,
One left with a smile.

Alligator Jump

Alligators jump
Alligators slide
All the alligators like to move from side to side

Alligators snort
Alligators giggle
All the alligators like to turn around and wiggle

Crocodile Crocodile

Crocodile crocodile
(Make your arms into big jaws that open and close and do a clapping rhyme with your hands)
Long and green
Crocodile crocodile
Teeth so mean

Snapping at a cheetah (pretend to snap your jaws)
Snapping at a bee (pretend to snap)
Snapping at a hippo (pretend to snap)
but you can't catch me! (jump back)

Ally Alligator

There once was an alligator
Ally was her name.
She loved to eat big numbers,
So she made it a fun game.

She was always hungry,
So little numbers would never do,
She only wanted BIG numbers,
These were so yummy to chew.

When she ate those BIG numbers,
It put a smile on her face,
She would start singing this song,
All over the place....

I love BIG numbers. Yes I do! They taste so good to me-o!
Crunch, crunch, munch, munch, munch
Crunch, crunch, munch, munch, munch! Crunch, crunch,
munch, munch, munch
They taste so good to me-o!

Five Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys sitting in a tree,
Teasing Mr. Crocodile: "You can't catch me!"
Along comes Mr. Crocodile
As quiet as can be and...**SNAP!**

Repeat with:

Four little monkeys sitting in a tree...
Three little monkeys sitting in a tree...
Two little monkeys sitting in a tree...

One little monkey sitting in a tree,
Teasing Mr. Crocodile: "You can't catch me!"
Along comes Mr. Crocodile
As quiet as can be and...**SNAP!**
And away swims Mr. Crocodile as full as he can be!

Other Fun Things



Craft time

Use egg cartons, bottle caps, construction paper, clothes pins, or cardboard along with some green paint to make your own chomper!

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