Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Our Toddler and Preschool storytimes celebrate the diversity of people, places, and more through books, fingerplays, and other materials. Please continue helping your child develop a love for the world around them and a love for books and reading by sharing these rhymes, books, and other activities with your child. To learn more about our Storytime Values, please see https://read.poudrelibraries.org/kids/storytime.cfm.

Books To Share

I’m Dirty
by Kate McMullan

Digger and Tom
by Sebastien Braun

Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site
by Sherri Duskey Rinker

The Construction Alphabet Book
by Jerry Pallotta

Bang! Boom! Roar!: a Busy Crew of Dinosaurs
by Nate Evans

Dazzling Diggers
by Tony Mitton

Super Size
by Craig Robert Carey

The Little Dump Truck
by Margery Culyer

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
by Virginia Lee Burton

What Can a Crane Pick Up?
by Rebecca Kai Dotlich

Dig, Dogs, Dig
by James Horvath

Building With Dad
by Carol Nevius

Construction Countdown
by K.C. Olson

Fun With Fingerplays and Songs

Scoop and Dump
(Tune: “Skip To My Lou”)
Scoop! Goes ditch digger in the dirt.
(Bend low, raise arms high)
Scoop! Goes ditch digger in the dirt.
Scoop! Goes ditch digger in the dirt.
Scoop up all the dirt!
Reach up high with the crane.
(Cup hands, hold high)
Reach up high with the crane.
Reach up high with the crane.
Hold the dirt up high!
Dump the dirt into the truck.
(Reach high, drop hands to knees)
Dump the dirt into the truck.
Dump the dirt into the truck.
Haul it all away!

Five Big Dump Trucks
Five big dump trucks rolling down the road.
(hold out five fingers, roll hands, and bounce in place)
Five big dump trucks rolling down the road.
One pulls off to unload, (put down one finger)
Four big dump trucks rolling down the road.
(hold out four fingers, roll hands, and bounce in place)
Continue counting down....
No more dump trucks rolling down the road.

Cranes
Cranes reach up, (cup hands, reach high)
Cranes reach down, (reach low)
Cranes reach out, (reach from side to side)
And all around.. (turn around)
Johnny Works with One Hammer
Johnny works with one hammer,  
(hammer with one fist)
One hammer, one hammer.  
Johnny works with one hammer,  
Johnny works with two.
Johnny works with two hammers,  
(hammer with two fists)
Two hammers, two hammers.  
Johnny works with two hammers,  
Johnny works with three.
Johnny works with three hammers,  
(hammer with two fists and one foot)
Three hammers, three hammers.  
Johnny works with three hammers,  
Johnny works with four.
Johnny works with four hammers,  
(hammer with two fists and two feet)
Four hammers, four hammers.  
Johnny works with four hammers,  
Johnny works with five.
Johnny works with five hammers,  
(hammer with two fists, two feet, nod head)
Five hammers, five hammers.  
Johnny works with five hammers,  
Johnny's work is DONE!

I’m A Builder
(Tune: “Frere Jacques”)
I’m a builder, I’m a builder.  
Watch me pound, hear my sound.  
Tap, a tap, a tap, tap.  
(tap fists)  
Tap, a tap, a tap, tap.  
Hear me pound, hear me pound!

See the Dump Truck
(Tune: “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”)  
See the dump truck drive so slow,  
It must have a great big load!  
Full of dirt or maybe rocks,  
Working hard it never stops.  
See the dump truck drive so slow,  
It must have a great big load!

Other Fun Things

Sand Box Construction Site
Turn a sand box into a construction site by placing toy dump trucks, earth movers and other trucks into the sand box. Encourage your child to dig basements, tunnels, roads and bridges.

Dump Truck Counting Game
Have your child count the number of various items (blocks, rocks, small toys) a toy dump truck can hold. Ask questions and explain why the numbers might be different.

Building With Paper Shapes
Cut out colorful paper shapes for your children, including squares, rectangles, triangles, and circles. Set out the paper shapes along with sheets of plain paper and some glue. Encourage your child to make pretend buildings and trucks using the paper shapes.

Spot the Big Machines
Have your child point out the construction vehicles seen on an outing. Identify what kind of machine it is, what it does, and its color.

Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library®
Learning to read begins before your child starts school. 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
- Writing
- Playing
- Reading

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

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