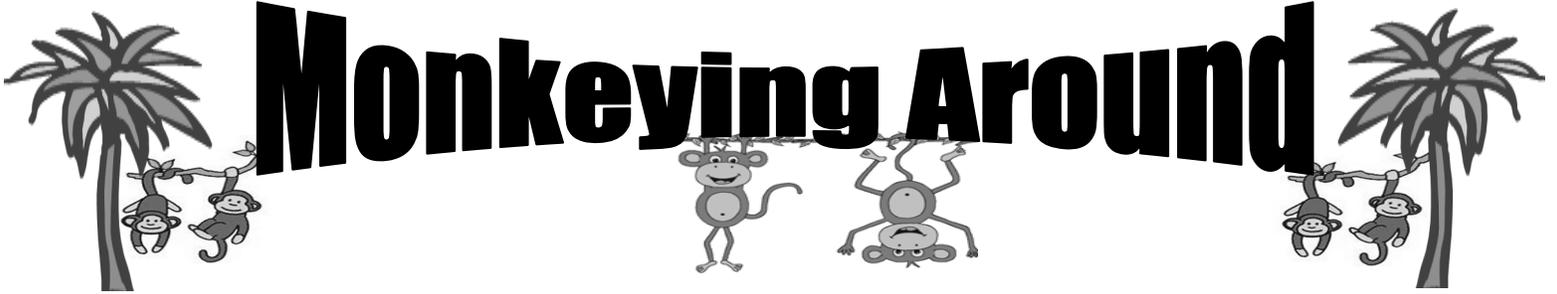


Dear Parents and Caregivers:

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>



Monkeying Around

Books To Share

Two Little Monkeys

by Mem Fox

There Was an Old Monkey Who Swallowed a Frog

by Jennifer Ward

Monkey Time

by Michael Hall

What Time Is It, Mr. Crocodile?

by Judy Sierra

Curious George series

by H.A. Rey

Spunky Little Monkey

by Bill Martin Jr.

Naughty Little Monkeys

by Jim Aylesworth

Five Little Monkeys series

by Eileen Christelow

Counting Crocodiles

by Judy Sierra

Count the Monkeys

by Mac Barnett

Caps for Sale

by Esphyr Slobodkina

Little Beauty

by Anthony Browne

Tall

by Jez Alborough

Water Hole Waiting

by Jane Kurtz

Fun With Fingerplays and Songs

Underneath the Monkey Tree

(tune: "The Muffin Man")

Come and play a while with me,
Underneath the monkey tree.
Monkey see and monkey do,
Just like monkeys in the zoo.

Swing your tail—one, two, three,
Underneath the monkey tree.
Monkey see and monkey do,
Just like monkeys in the zoo.

Jump up and down—one, two, three,
Underneath the monkey tree.
Monkey see and monkey do,
Just like monkeys in the zoo.

(add additional verses with other monkey actions)

Itsy Bitsy Monkey

(tune: "Itsy Bitsy Spider")

The itsy bitsy monkey climbed up the coconut tree.
(*Have hands climb.*)

Down came a coconut that bopped him on the knee.
(*Drop fist from over head to tap yourself on the knee.*)

Along came his Mama, who kissed away the pain.

(*Kiss your fist.*)

AND...

The itsy bitsy monkey climbed up the tree again!
(*Climb hands again, having child stretch as high as he or she can reach.*)



Climb, Climb, Climb the Tree

(tune: "Row, Row, Row the Boat")

Climb, climb, climb the tree,
All the way to the top!
Swing from branches merrily,
Until your mom says "stop!"

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed
(*bounce fingers on opposite palm*)
One fell off and bumped his (or her) head
(*tap head*)
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said...
(*pretend to talk on the phone*)
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"
(*shake index finger*)

Ten Bananas!

A chubby little monkey had bananas for lunch.
He peeled and ate 1... munch, munch, munch!
One banana, two banana, three banana, four...
He ate and he ate, but he wanted more!
He peeled and he ate, he peeled and he ate...
Five banana, six banana, seven banana, eight!
He peeled two more and continued to munch,
And before he knew it he ate the whole bunch!

Swing, Swing

Silly little monkeys swinging in the tree.
All hold hands and swing with me.
Swing up high,
Swing down low,
Swing in the tree now don't let go!
Swing high, swing low, swing like I do,
Swing like the monkeys in the zoo.

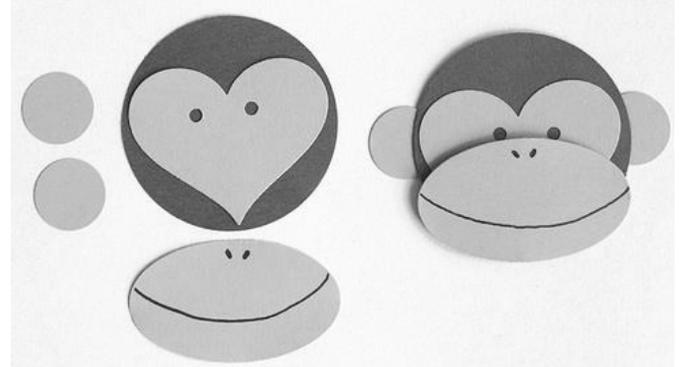
Other Fun Things

Monkey Puppets

Supplies: construction paper (at least 2 colors),
scissors, hole punch, glue, marker/crayon.
Optional: popsicle sticks and pipe cleaners.

Directions: For each monkey cut a large circle, 2 small circles, a large oval and a heart. Punch 2 eyes in the "heart" and assemble as you see below.

Draw on a mouth and nose and you have a monkey!



You can make the holes go all the way through for a mask, or you can glue it to the end of a popsicle stick, use a pipe cleaner to create arms and have a monkey puppet!



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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.
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- Singing
- Reading
- Writing
- Playing

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