

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.



SPORTS AND GAMES



Books To Share

The Farm Team
by Linda Bailey

Soccer Beat
by Sandra Gilbert Brug

Stretch
By Doreen Cronin

Hide and Seek
By Taro Gomi

Fall Ball
Peter McCarty

I'm Cool!
By Kate McMullan

Nino Wrestles The World
By Yuyi Morales

H.O.R.S.E.
By Christopher Myers

Take Me Out to the Yakyu
by Aaron Meshon

Dunk Skunk
By Michael Rex

Everyone Can Learn To Ride A Bike
By Chris Raschka



Fun With Fingerplays and Songs

A Little Ball

A little ball
(form circle with thumb and finger.)
A bigger ball
(form circle with hands)
A great big ball I see
(form ball with arms.)

Now let's count them. Are you ready?
One, two three

We Play Together

I have a friend who lives near me.
(point to other person)
We play together happily.
We ride our bikes and throw a ball.
(Pretend to ride bike, then toss ball.)
In winter, summer, spring and fall.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Take me out to the ballgame!
Take me out with the crowd;
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks,
I don't care if I never get back.
So let's root, root, root for the
home team,
If they don't win it's a shame,
For it's
ONE
TWO
THREE strikes you're out



Good Exercise

I stretch and stretch my arms out wide.
As if to make them longer.
I stretch and stretch and stretch,
For that will make me stronger.

I stretch and stretch my arms
up high,
As high as they will go.
I stretch and stretch and
stretch,
For that will make me grow.



Oops! A fall!

(Have kids pair off)
Sometimes when we chase
the ball,
People often fall! (fall to the ground)
So when someone falls, what do we do?
We help them up off the ground.
(help up off the floor)

Good game!

When all the goals are scored,
(motion to kick a ball)
And the final score is on the board
(point to scoreboard)
We go up to the other team who came,
(take a step forward)
And always shake hands and say,
“Good game!”
(shake hands)

Two Little Feet Go Tap

(make motions match words)
Two little feet go tap, tap, tap.
Two little hands go clap, clap, clap.
A quick little leap up from my chair,
Two little arms reach high in the air.
Two little feet go jump, jump, jump.
Two little fists go thump, thump, thump.
One little body goes round and round,
And one little child sits quietly down.

Other Fun Things

Play Catch With Scarves

If your child isn't quite able to catch a ball yet, try using scarves, tissues, or tissue paper to start with. For older children, make a game of seeing how many scarves they can catch before the scarves fall to the ground.

Bowling at Home

Collect nine used but uncrushed soda bottles, of equal size. Rinse them clean, and decorate them with paper and tape, if you are feeling fancy. Next, clear a path on a smooth floor surface to act as your bowling lane. If you want, you can also use a hallway or cushions to mark the edge of the lane. Set your homemade bowling pins up, then use a soft ball to knock them down!

Playing with Parachutes

You don't need to buy a parachute to play with one at home! You can use a lightweight towel or child's blanket, anything light and small enough for you and your child to hold up together. Add balls or teddy bears to the middle of the parachute and see how long you can keep them bouncing high.

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**
- **Reading**
- **Writing**
- **Playing**

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

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