



# **Every Your Child Ready to Read**

## **\*Apples\* Toddler Time @ Corinth Library**

*Extension Activities to help practice the six pre-reading skills\*  
your child can start learning from birth!*

### **1. Narrative Skills: Being able to describe things and events and tell stories.**

- Can the two of you retell what happened in one of these stories from today :

The Apple Pie Tree by Zoe Hall

Ten Red Apples by Pat Hutchins

Apples to Applesauce by Inez Snyder

Ten Apples Up On Top by Theo. LeSieg

- Check out a book to read at home and then talk about what happens first, next and last in the story.

### **2. Print Motivation: Being interested in and enjoying books.**

- Children who enjoy books will want to learn to read, help your child pick a book she/he wants to take home.
- Let your child see you reading for your enjoyment.

### **3. Vocabulary: Knowing the name of things.**

- Ask your child to name the different types of apples they see in the grocery section.
- Point to types not named by your child and tell them their names.

### **4. Print Awareness: Noticing print, knowing how to handle books & how to follow the words on a page.**

- When you read to your child, point to some of the words as you say them, especially words that are repeated.

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**5. Letter Knowledge: Knowing letters are different from each other, knowing their names and sounds and recognizing letters everywhere.**

- Help your child play with the letter "A": You can draw it with a crayon, shape it out of play dough, line up apple slices on their lunch plate.

**6. Phonological Awareness: Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.**

- Say the rhymes from toddler time at home. Rhymes help children hear the sounds that make up words, a skill that helps children sound out words as they begin to read.
- Sing the songs from toddler time, in most songs each syllable in a word gets a different note.

**Apples and Bananas**

[Repeat each line 2 times]

I like to eat, eat, eat, apples and bananas.  
I like to ate, ate, ate, ay-ples and ba-nay-nays.  
I like to eat, eat, eat, ee-ples and bee-nee-nees.  
I like to eat, eat, eat, ee-ples and bee-nee-nees.  
I like to ite, ite, ite, i-ples and by-ny-nys.  
I like to ote, ote, ote, oh-ples and bo-no-nos.  
I like to oot, oot, oot, ou-ples and boo-noo-noos.

**Apple Tree**

Way up high in the apple tree,  
Five little apples, smiled down  
at me. I shook the tree as hard  
as I could, and down came and  
apple, Mmmm, mmmm, good!

Way up high in the apple tree,  
Four little apples smiled .....  
Three little apples ....  
Two little apples....  
One little apple...

Way up high in the apple tree,  
no more apples left to see.

**Apple Dance**

Tune: Mulberry Bush

**This is the way the apples hang,  
The apples hang, the apples hang.  
This is the way the apples hang,  
up in the tree [Hold arms up over head]**

**This is the way the apples drop,  
the apples drop, the apples drop.  
This is the way the apples drop,  
down to the ground. [Hit the floor with fists.]**

**This is the way the apples spin, the apples  
spin, the apples spin. This is the way the  
apples spin, around on their stem.  
[Roll hands or spin entire body.]**

**This is the way the apples rock, the apples  
rock, the apples rock, This is the way the  
apples rock, back and forth in the basket.  
[Rock side to side.]**

**This is the way the apples are stirred,  
The apples are stirred, the apples are stirred,  
When making applesauce. [Rotate hands.]**

**Have you Ever had an Apple**

**Have you ever seen an apple, an apple,  
an apple. Have you ever seen an apple  
that grows on a tree? A red one, a yellow  
one, a red one, a yellow one, Have you  
ever seen an apple that grows on a tree?**

**Have you ever had an apple, an apple, an  
apple? Have you ever had an apple and  
heard it go crunch? Take one bite,  
and two bites and three bites and four  
bites. Have you ever ate an apple and  
heard it go crunch?**

**APPLES OFF MY TREE**

(Sing to the tune of "Skip to My Lou")

Pick some apples off my tree,  
Pick some apples off my tree,  
Pick some apples off my tree,  
Pick them all for you and me.



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