



Every Your Child Ready to Read

*** Birds* 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.

- ✓ Talk with your child about what we did at toddler time today.
- ✓ Can the two of you retell what happened in one of these stories from today :

<u>Pepito the Brave</u> by Scott Beck	<u>Feathers for Lunch</u> by Lois Ehlert
<u>How High Can You Fly?</u> By Janie DeVos	<u>Grumpy Bird</u> by Jeremy Tankard
- ✓ 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.

- ✓ Point to the birds you see in your yard and see if your child knows 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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<http://www.ala.org/ala/pla/plaissues/earlylit/earlyliteracy.htm>

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 “B”: You can draw it with a crayon, shape it out of play dough, cut the shape from a slice of bread 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.

Found a Feather
Tune: “Oh, My Darling Clementine”

Found a feather, found a feather, found a feather on the ground.
Oh, I am so very lucky, a feather to have found.
Picked it up, picked it up, picked it up just like that,
Picked up that pretty feather, then I put it in my hat.
Found a feather, found a feather, found a feather on the ground.
Oh, I am so very lucky a feather to have found.

Five Little Chickadees

*Five little chickadees, sitting by a door, one
flew away and then there were four.*

*Chorus: Chickadees, chickadees, happy and
gay, Chickadees, chickadees, fly away.*

*Four little chickadees, sitting in a tree,
One flew away, and then there were three.*

*Three little chickadees, looking at you,
One flew away, and then there were two.*

*Two little chickadees, sitting in the sun,
One flew away, and then there was one.*

*One little chickadee, sitting all alone,
He one flew away, and then there was none.*

Little Birds

Tune: 5 Little Ducks

One little bird with feathers of blue;
Flew beside a green one, and that made two.
Two little birds, singing in the tree;
The red bird came and then there were three.
Three little birds, wishing there were more;
Along came the purple bird and then
there were four.
Four little birds as happy as can be,
Singing beautiful songs – just for you and me!

My Little Birdie Song

Tune: Hush Little Baby

My little birdie one day old,
she can do what she is told!
Sleep little birdie, sleep, sleep sleep!
Sleep little birdie, sleep, sleep, sleep!

My little birdie two days old,
she can do what she is told!
Tweet little birdie, tweet, tweet, tweet!
Tweet little birdie, tweet, tweet, tweet!

My little birdie, three days old,
She can do what she is told!
Hop little birdie, hop, hop, hop!
Hop little birdie, hop, hop, hop!

Two Little Blackbirds

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill
[Wiggle both hands]
One named Jack, [Wiggle right hand]
One named Jill. [Wiggle left hand]
Fly away Jack, [Hide right hand]
Fly away Jill. [Hide left hand]
Come back Jack, [Return right hand]
Come back Jill. [Return left hand]



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