



# ~~Every~~ **Your** Child Ready to Read \*My Body\* 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>Two Eyes a Nose and a Mouth</u> by Roberta Intrater	<u>Eyes, Nose, Fingers and Toes</u> by Judy Hindley
<u>Giggle Belly</u> by page Sakelaris	<u>The Body Book</u> by Shelley Rotner
- 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 parts of their body.
- Point to the parts not named by your child and see if they know the words.

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

- Hold the book your going to read upside down. See if your child turns the book around.
- 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 "B": You can draw it with a crayon, shape it out of play dough, line up blueberries 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.

### Show Me If You Can

Sung to: "In and Out The Window"

Where is your finger?

Where is your finger?

Where is your finger?

Show me if you can.

Good, now where's your nose?

Now, where is your nose?

Now, where is your nose?

Show me if you can. (Use other body parts.)

### Head and Shoulders

**Head and shoulders,**

**knees and toes,**

**Knees and toes,**

**Knees and toes**

**Head and shoulders**

**knees and toes,**

**Eyes and ears and**

**mouth and nose.**

**Ankles, elbows,**

**feet and seat,**

**feet and seat,**

**feet and seat.**

**Ankles, elbows, feet and seat,**

**And hair and hips and**

**chin and cheeks.**

### Flip Flap Jack

There was a man and he was made of  
food. And his name was flip flap jack.

His head was made from a pancake.

And his name was flip flap jack.

His eyes they were blueberries.

And his name was flip flap jack.

His nose it was a strawberry.

And his name was flip flap jack.

His mouth was made from bacon.

And his name was flip flap jack.

His ears were made from kiwis

And his name was flip flap jack.

### I'm All Full of Hinges

I'm all full of hinges And everything bends  
(*explore joints with child*)

From the top of my head (*hands on head*)

Way down to my ends. (*hands on toes*)

I'm hinges in front (*bend forward*)

I'm hinges in back. (*bend back*)

If I didn't have hinges, I think I would crack!

### Parts that Bend

Sung to: "B-I-N-G-O"

My arms have parts that bend and move  
Every time I use them.

Shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand.

Shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand.

Shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand.

And this is how I move them!

My legs have parts that bend and move  
Every time I use them.

Knee, ankle, heel and foot

Knee, ankle, heel and foot

Knee, ankle, heel and foot

And this is how I move them!

My trunk has parts that bend and move  
Every time I use them.

Neck, back, waist and hips

Neck, back, waist and hips

Neck, back, waist and hips

And this is how I move them!

I'm made of parts that bend and move  
Every time I use them.

Shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand..

Knee, ankle, heel and foot.

Neck, back, waist and hips

And this is how I move them!



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