



Every Your

Child Ready to Read

*** Letters and Numbers* 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 :

ABC T-Rex by Bernard Most

Discovering Nature's Alphabet by Krystina Castella

Into the A, B, Sea by Deborah Lee Rose

Click, Clack, Splish, Splash by Doreen Cronin

Spots Counting Creatures from Sky to Sea by Laura Regan

Following the Sun by Jenny Stow

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.

Look through an alphabet book and see how many items your child can identify.

Point to objects not listed 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.

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 letters “L” and “N”: You can draw them with a crayon, shape it out of play dough, or line up noodles 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.

Five Enormous Dinosaurs

Five enormous dinosaurs, letting out a roar,
One went away and then there were four.
Four enormous dinosaurs, munching on a tree,
One went away and then there were three.
Three enormous dinosaurs, didn't know what to do,
One went away and then there were two.
Two enormous dinosaurs, having lots of fun.
One went way and then there was one.
One enormous dinosaur, afraid to be a hero,
He went away and then there were zero.

Alphabet in Motion

Learn the abc's with ease, while getting fit and having fun. Alphabetize your exercise. And do your moves one by one. At the store or in the park, you'll cause a small commotion. If you suddenly stand and start, the alphabet in motion!

A = Arch, B = Bend, C = Clap, D = Droop
E = Expand, F = Flop, G = Grow, H = Hop
I = Itch, J = Jog, K = Kick, L = Leap,
M = March, N = Nod, O = Open,
P = Prance, Q = Quake, R = Rock,
S = Squat, T = Turn, U = Uncurl,
V = Vibrate, W = Walk,
X = make a x shape,
Y = Yawn, Z = Zig zag

5 Speckled Frogs

5 green and speckled frogs,
Sitting on an old brown log
Eating some most delicious bugs –
Yum Yum!
(Catch bug and rub your belly)

One jumped into the pool,
Where it was nice and cool, then
there were four green speckled frogs.
Glub, Glub.

4 green and speckled frogs...
3 green and speckled frogs...
2 green and speckled frogs...
1 green and speckled frogs...
Now there are no more speckled frogs

Time to Count

When angry feelings start to mount,
that's when I take some time to count:
One...two...three... four... five.
Counting helps me settle down,
Counting helps to fade my frown:
Six... seven... eight...nine... ten.

6 Little Penguins

Six little penguins off an iceberg did dive, one
bumped his beak and then there were five.

Five little penguins swam to the ocean floor,
One swam off with a whale,
then there were four.

Four little penguins spun aournd, Wheee! One
spun off the iceberg,
and then there were three!

Three little penguins, with nothing to do, One
went off fishing, then there were two.

Two little penguins, having lots of fun, One
fell off, and then there was one.

One little penguin, when the day was done,
went home to sleep and then there were none.



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