



~~Every~~ **Your** ~~Child~~ **Ready to Read** *Owls* 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 :
EP MacDonald Look Whooo's Counting ER Townsend Owls
EP Singer Quiet Night EF Waddell Owl Babies
- Check out a book to read at home and then talk about what happens first, next and last in the story.
- Have your child draw a picture then ask your child to tell you the story about it.

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

- Visit your public library often.
- Make book-sharing time a special time for closeness between you and your child.

3. Vocabulary: Knowing the name of things.

- Read together everyday. After you read a story talk about the story and pictures so your child hears and learns more words.
- Learn together by reading some true books about owls, look in the E 598.97 section of the library.

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 “O” : You can draw it with a crayon, shape it out of play dough, or make an O of brown sugar on top of their breakfast Oatmeal.

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

- Sing the songs from toddler time, in most songs each syllable in a word gets a different note.
- Play word games such as “What sounds like ‘owl’ or “What starts with the same sound as ‘owl’?”

Owl Song
(tune: "I'm a little Teapot")

**I'm a great big owl, as you can see
I live high up in a tree. |
All the otherbirds wake me up
when they play,
Because I like to sleep in the day!**

Wide Eye Owl

There's a wide eye owl.
[thumbs and forefingers around eyes]
With a pointed nose
[forefinger makes a v at end of nose]
Two pointed ears
[forefingers extended up from head]
And claws for toes
[fingers and arms bent in front of chest]
He lives way up in the tree
[point up]
And when he looks at you
[point to children]
He flaps his wings,
[fold arms into arm pits and flap]
And says Who....Whooo!

Five Little Owls

*Five little owls on a dark, dark night.
Five little owls are quiet a sight.
Five little owls, are you keeping score?
One flies away and that leaves four.
Four little owls, as happy as can be.
One flies away and that leaves three.
Three little owls,
calling Who, Who, Who
One flies away and that leaves two.
Two little owls, are having lots of fun.
One flies away, leaving only one.
One little owl, and we're almost done!
He flies away and now there are none!*

Whooo? By Lilian Moore

Who...ooo? said the owl in the dark old tree.
Wheeeeeee! Said the wind with a howl.
Wheeeeeeee! Who....ooooo? Wheeeeeeee!
Who...ooooo? Wheeeeeee!
They didn't scare each other, but they did
scare Whooo? Me!

At Night It Is Dark
(to the tune of *The Farmer in the Dell*)

**At night, it is dark.
At night, it is dark.
The sun has gone,
the moon has come.
At night, it is dark.

I can see the stars.
I can see the stars.
They twinkle softly in the
sky. I can see the stars

Owls are awake.
Owls are awake.
They are busy in the night.
Owls are awake.**



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