



# Every Your Child Ready to Read

## "Chickens & Ducks" 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.

Have your child draw a picture about one of the stories we read today:

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

Minerva Louise and the Red Truck by Janet Stoeke

Daisy and the Egg by Jane Simmons

Chickens to the Rescue by John Himmelman

Goodnight, My Duckling by Nancy Tafuri

### 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.

Make book-sharing time a special time for closeness between you and your child.

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

Ask your child to name other kinds of birds.

Learn together by reading some true books about chickens or other subjects that your child likes.

### 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 “C”: You can draw it with a crayon, shape it out of play dough, line up carrot chips 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.
- Play word games such as “What sounds like ‘ran’ or “What starts with the same sound as ‘ball’?”

### Have You Ever Seen a Duckling?

Tune: Have you ever seen a Lassie

**Have you ever seen a duckling? A duckling, a duckling!  
Have you ever seen a duckling swim this way and that?  
Swim this way and that way, and this way and that way.  
Have you ever seen a duckling swim this way and that?**

**Have you ever seen a duckling.... Slide this way ....**

**Have you ever seen a duckling.... Waddle this way ...**

Four little ducks waddled near the shore.  
Quack, Quack, Quack. Splash and Splish! I swam  
out and that left three little ducks on the shore.

Three little ducks waddled near the shore,  
Quack, quack, quack. Splash and splish! I dived in  
and that left 2 little ducks on the shore.

Two little ducks waddled near the shore,  
Quack, quack, quack, splash and splish! I rushed in  
and that left only 1 little duck on the shore.

One little duck waddled near the shore,  
Quack, quack, quack, splash and splish! He joined  
the others and leaving 0 little ducks on the shore.

### Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks that I once knew,  
Fat were three and skinny were two.  
But, the one little duck with the feather  
on his back, he ruled the others with a  
quack, quack, quack! Quack, quack,  
quack! Quack, quack, quack! He ruled  
the others with a quack, quack, quack!

Down to the water, they would go,  
Wiggle, woggle, wiggle, woggle, to and  
fro. But the one little duck....

Down from the water, they would  
come, wiggle, woggle, wiggle, woggle,  
Ho, ho, hum. But the one little duck....

### Ten Fluffy Chickens

Five eggs and five eggs, that makes ten.

*[Hold up two hands.]*

Sitting on top is the mother hen.

*[Fold one hand over the other.]*

Crackle, crackle, crackle; what do I see?

*[Clap three times.]*

Ten fluffy chickens, as yellow as can be!

*[Hold up and wiggle ten fingers]*

### Hens of a Different Color

This little hen is black; she stands in the  
barnyard by a big hay stack.

This little hen is red; she is very tired and  
won't get out of bed.

This little hen is brown; she is feeling sad and  
wearing a frown.

This little hen is yellow; she's friends with the  
rooster; he's a handsome fellow.

This little hen is white; she dances and plays,  
oh what a sight!

This little hen is purple; she spends her day  
running round in circles.

This little hen is green; she's the silliest hen  
I've ever seen.

This little hen is blue; she lays eggs for me and  
you.

This little hen is pink; she goes down to the  
pond to get a drink.

All of these hens live at the farm, out in the  
big red barn.



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