



# **Every Your Child Ready to Read**

## **\*Spring Time\* 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 :  
Wake Up, It's Spring! By Lisa Campbell Ernst                      Splish, Splash, Spring by Jan Carr  
Rain Song by Lezlie Evans    Mud by Mary Lyn Ray
- 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 types of flowers and plants you have in your yard.
- 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 letter S: You can draw it with a crayon, shape it out of play dough, line up spaghetti 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.

**Boom, Bang!**

**Boom, Bang, Boom, Bang!** [*Clap hands loud & slow*]  
**Rumpety, lumpety, bump!** [*Pat thighs*]  
**Zoom, zam, zoom, zam!** [*Move hands back & forth*]  
**Clippety, clappety, clump!** [*Clap hands in rhythm*]  
**Rustles and bustles** [*Nod head from side to side*]  
**And swishes and zings!** [*Whole body sways*]  
**What wonderful noises a thunderstorm brings!**

**Rainbow**

**Tune: Twinkle Twinkle**  
**Red and orange, green and**  
**blue, shiny yellow, purple too!**  
**These are the colors that we**  
**know, way up high in the great**  
**rainbow.**

**Umbrellas**

5 umbrellas stood by the door,  
the red one went outside and  
then there were 4.  
4 umbrellas pretty as can be,  
The blue one went outside and  
then there were 3.  
3 umbrellas with nothing to do,  
The yellow one went outside,  
then there were 2.  
2 umbrellas wanting in the fun,  
The green one went outside,  
then there was 1.  
Just 1 umbrella alone in the hall,  
The brown one outside, and that  
was all.

**Pitter Patter Rain Drops**

Tune: I'm a little Tea Pot

**Pitter patter rain drops**

[*wiggle fingers to imitate rain*]

**Falling from the sky**

[*wiggle fingers downward*]

**Here's my umbrella**

[*act out opening umbrella*]

**Hold it high!**

[*Hands over head*]

**When the rain is over and the sun  
begins to glow**

[*Make sun with arms*]

**Little flowers start to bud**

[*kneel down*]

**Then grow, grow, grow!!!**

[*Slowly stand up*]

**Mother Bird**

Three baby birds sitting in their nest waiting  
for their mother, and taking a rest.

Said the first little bird with a peep cheep  
peep, I wish I could eat a little brown seed.

Said the second little bird with a peep, cheep,  
peep, I wish I could fly among the green trees.

Said the third little bird with a peep, cheep,  
peep, I wish I could build my own little nest.

Back flew the mother bird,  
with a worm in her beak,  
and she fed her babies  
and put them to sleep.



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