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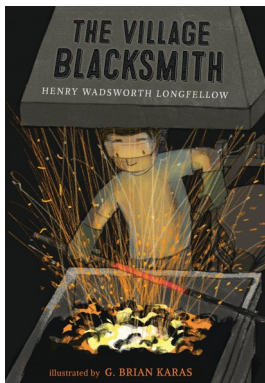
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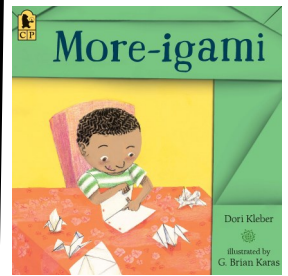
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LITERACY BEGINS AT BIRTH!

Talking connects children to the world around them. It is important for children to develop language skills that help them express how they are feeling.

Talking Tips

- Ask your child to tell you their favorite part of the day, and share your favorite part with them.
- Talk about new words as you read a story together.
- Play a rhyming game. Say a word and ask your child to say a word that rhymes, or sounds like the word.
- Try a tongue twister. Playing with sounds helps a child develop language skills.

All A-BOARD for Books!

We aren't doing too much traveling these days. Luckily, books can take us to lots of amazing places without even leaving home!

Dive into the Ocean
Colorful World: Sea: Find What's Different!
by Nastja Holtfreter

Goodnight, Seahorse
by Carly Allen-Fletcher

The Marine Team
by Madeleine Rogers

Ocean Motions
by Kate Endle & Caspar Babypants

Where Is Little Fish?
by Lucy Cousins

Explore Outer Space

Baby Astronaut
by Laura Gehl

Moon Landing
by Jill McDonald

Rocket Ship Adventure!
by Stanley Strickland

Space
by Ruth A. Musgrave

Where's the Astronaut?
by Ingela P. Arrhenius

Take a Road Trip
Catch Me If You Can!
by Cindy Jin

Let's Go, Ted!
by Sophy Henn

Little Truck
by Taro Gomi

Trucks and Things That Go
by Roger Priddy

What's in My Truck?
by Adria Meserve

Walk in the Woods
Forest Friends
by Aimée Chapman

Hello, Hedgehog: A Peek-a-Book Adventure
by Giuditta Gaviraghi

If I Were a Bear
by Shelley Gill

In the Forest
by Natalie Marshall

One Eagle Soaring
by Robert Budd



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Rhyme Time

Five little nails,
Standing straight and steady,
Here I come with my hammer ready!
Bam, bam, bam! That nail goes down.
Now there are just four nails to pound.

Rhyme Time Tip: Hold up five fingers on one hand. Use your other fist to hammer down your fingers one at a time. Repeat the rhyme, counting backwards, until all fingers are down.

Boom, bang, boom, bang!
Rumpety, lumpety, bump!
Zoom, zam, zoom, zam!
Clippety, clappety, clump!

Rustles and bustles and swishes and zings,
What wonderful noises a thunderstorm brings!

Rhyme Time Tip: Beat one fist in your other palm, then slap hands on knees. Shoot hands across front of body, then nod head side to side. Hug hands to shoulders, then lean side to side. Throw hands over head and clap!

Tiny Tunes Playlist

Music matters! Music contributes to what experts call a "rich sensory environment." This simply means exposing kids to a wide variety of tastes, smells, textures, colors, and sounds — experiences that can create more pathways between cells in their brains. Some sounds are better than others. Listen to a wide variety of musical styles and discover YOUR favorites. All of these albums are available in the Kid Zone's music CD collection.

All the Sounds
by Lucy Kalantari and
the Jazz Cats

Baby Beatles
by Caspar Babypants

Family Album
by Recess Monkey

If You Want to Be a Pirate
by Tom Mason and the Blue
Buccaneers

Infinity Plus One
by Secret Agent 23 Skidoo

It Takes a Little Kindness
by Bari Koral

Let All the Children Boogie:
A Tribute to David Bowie

The Love
by Alphabet Rockers

Miss Ella's Playhouse
by Ella Fitzgerald

More Sheep, Less Sleep
by The Swinging Belles

Radio Jungle
by The Pop Ups

Seeds to Sow
by Little Root

Songs for Singin'
by The Okee Dokee Brothers

Swing Set
by Jazzy Ash

You Are My Little Bird
by Elizabeth Mitchell

SONGS FOR SINGIN'



THE OKEE DOKEE BROTHERS

