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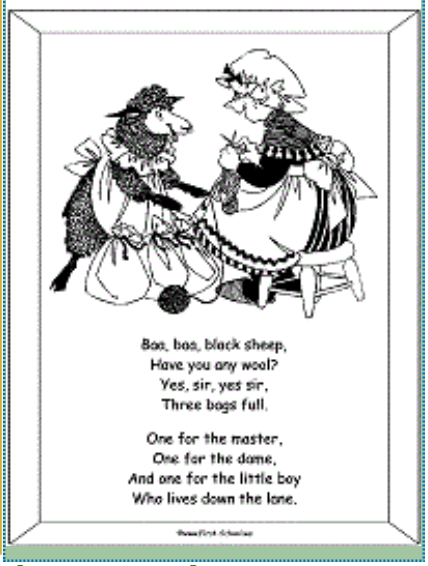
Launch from Home

The Value of Sharing and Learning Nursery Rhymes:
"Hickory Dickory Dock. The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one—the mouse ran down. Hickory Dickory dock."

Sharing nursery rhymes with your child is fun and helps them develop their language skills. The Canadian Language and Learning Research Network has reported that nursery rhymes actually improve a skills by introducing rhyme and rhythm of language to little ones. Rhythmic patterns attract infants and toddlers attention! Classic social games like 'Peek a Boo' or "Pat a Cake" and classic nursery rhymes are excellent vehicles to get little ones to interact and take turns with you, The repetition in games and nursery rhymes help children predict what will happen next. Children are more likely to take a turn verbally on non verbally when you pause and wait for their response. If your child can say ten nursery rhymes before they start kindergarten it may help them with reading skills in the future. Many Nursery Rhymes like Baa Baa Black Sheep can also be sung—which children really enjoy!



Math is everywhere! Developing early numeracy skills is important!

Studies show that a child's math skills at kindergarten entry are a predictor of future academic success, reading skills, social skills, and the ability to focus. As parents, we can give our kids a head start by helping them to get comfortable with math concepts like measuring and counting, at home.

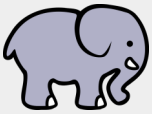
COUNT Most math concepts flow naturally during everyday routines. How many people do we set places for at dinner? How many jumping jacks can you do? How many cookies on the plate?

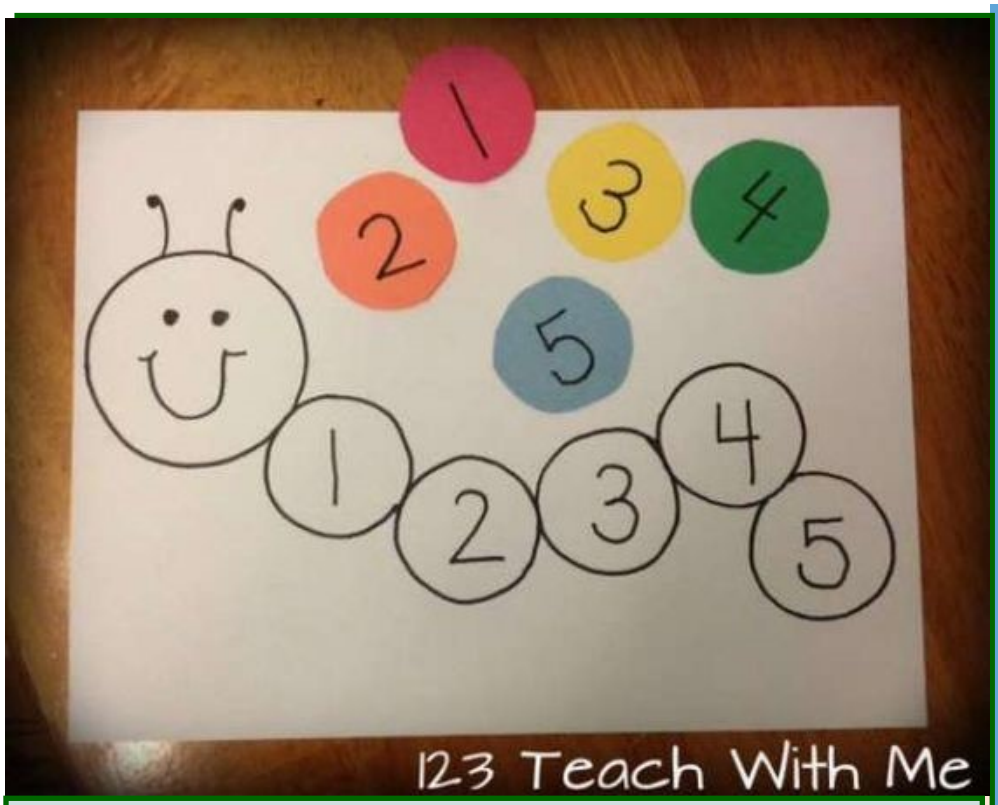
BAKE Let you child help with measuring and gathering ingredients 2 eggs 1 cup milk etc

SORT Your child can help sorting laundry—socks, pjs, shirts etc You can also sort for colour and size. Lego is ideal for sorting and counting games or sort small toys for type.

BOARD GAMES **From** preschool age there are many fun games that also help with math concepts. Shoots and Ladders, UNO, Games with dice etc There is the added benefit of bonding time while playing games and the opportunity to develop language skills too. We are providing a number of early math activities in this addition of **Launch From Home!**

CALENDAR

TUESDAY Video posted on Launch Pad Facebook Group	Wednedsay at 10 a.m. 'Live' music with Lucy and Jane' on Kids Can Fly FB page	Thursday at 10 a.m. ZOOM meeting for songs, activities and games
Tuesday March 2 **Bag opening video** 	**Wednesday March 3** **Story Humpty Dumpty** 	**Thursday March 4** **Hickory Dickory Dock FUN!**
Tuesday March 9 **Exploring Maple Syrup and where it comes from**	**Wednesday March 10** **Story: A HUNTING WE WILL GO** 	**Thursday March 11** **Balancing Game ONE ELEPHANT** 
Tuesday March 16 **Lucy & Jane make a St Patrick's Day Hat** 	**Wednesday March 17** **Story: Five Little Monkeys** 	**Thursday March18** **Count on Me** **Playing with Numbers**
Tuesday March 23 Making a cash register out of a box and setting up a Store for dramatic play 	**Wednesday March 24** **Story: There were10 in Bed** 	**THURSDAY March 25 18** **Playing a game with Stuffies** **10 in Bed**
Tuesday March 30 **Decorating musical rhythm sticks** 	**Wednesday March 31** **Story: This Old Man** 	**Thursday April 1** **April Fools Day** **Making auditory patterns with the rhythm sticks**



Make a caterpillar counting activity. Draw the circles on a plain sheet of paper of piece or cardboard. Draw a face and number the other 5. Then cut out 5 more circles (different colours or plain) and put the matching numbers on them,

Use the wild animal figures from your kit to create a Box Diorama

Start with a shoe or Amazon box. Your child can paint the background or colour it with markers. Then use paper, pipe cleaners, sticks and other items to create the forest or jungle scene. Creating this together is lots of fun and your child will enjoy playing with it after. Expand the learning by reading stories about wild animals, talking about their colours, the sounds they make, what they eat, their habits such as climbing trees or liking to swim. Google DIORAMA for lots of ideas to create yours.

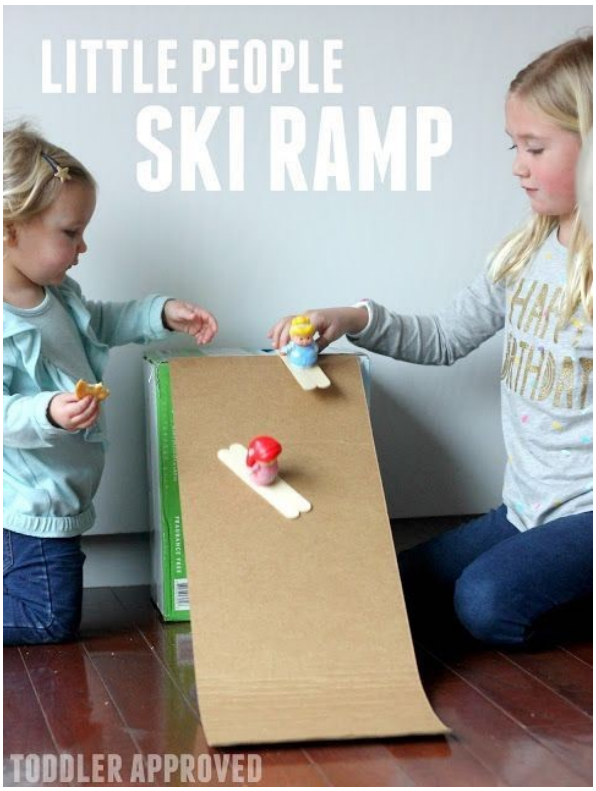
Make a tic tac toe game out of Lego. Great activity to bring in the car in a Ziploc bag or a Dollar store zippered case.

If you child is not registered for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to receive a free book a month go to www.kidscanfly.ca

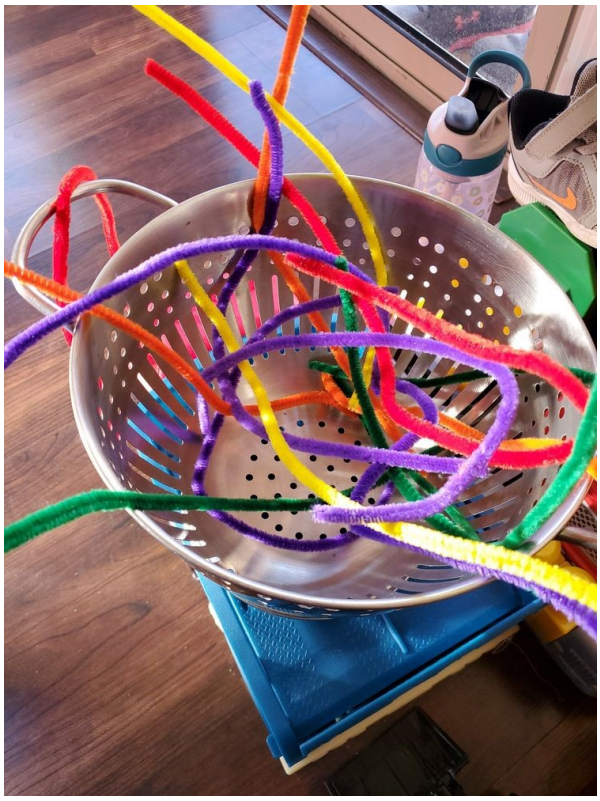
and use the online registration form

Program open to children from birth to age 5. Must live within Brantford-Brant

Creating your own fun at home for little cost



Use with little cars or make skiers from popcycle sticks

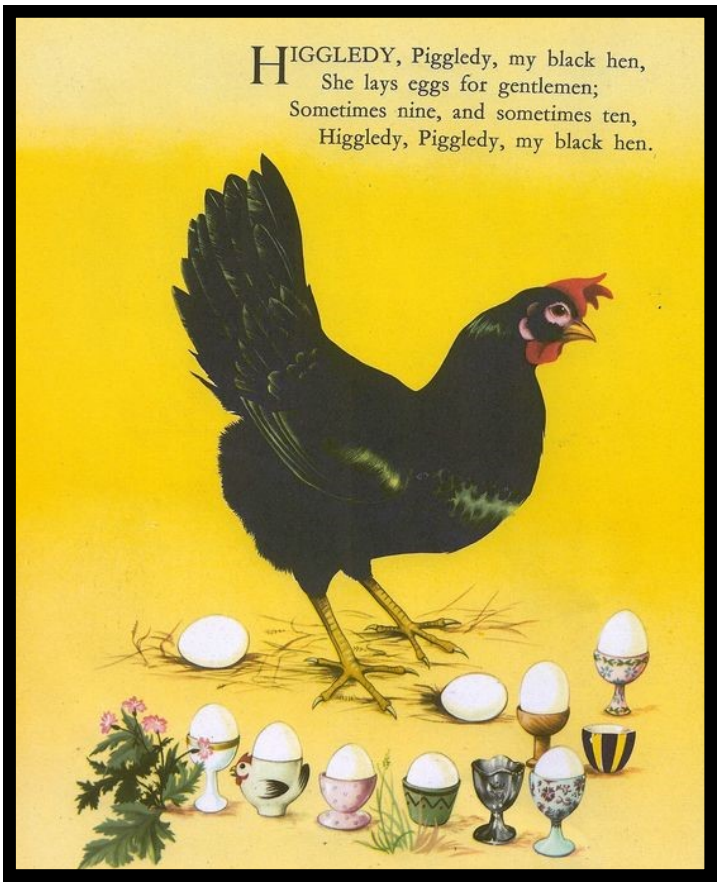


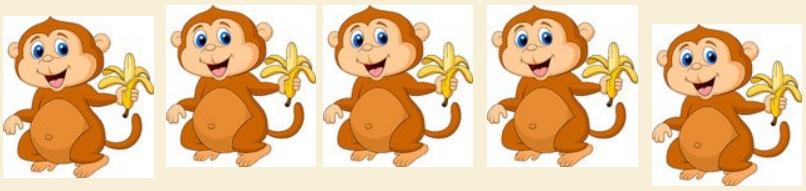
Turn the kitchen colander into a lacing project

Make your own simple shape puzzle on cardboard

Ice Painting
FUN FOR KIDS

Freeze water in a container and then put it on a tray and let your child paint on it. The ice is going to melt and the colours will mix. Excellent science experience!





5 Little Monkeys

5 little monkeys jumping on the bed
One fell off and bumped his head
Mama called the Dr and the Dr said
NO more monkeys jumping on the bed

4 little monkeys jumping on the bed
One fell off and bumped his head
Mama called the Dr and the Dr said
NO more monkeys jumping on the bed!

3 little monkeys jumping on the bed
One fell off and bumped his head
Mama called the Dr and the Dr said
NO more monkeys jumping on the bed!

2 little monkey's jumping on the bed
1 fell off and bumped his head
Mama called the Dr and the Dr said
NO more monkeys jumping on the bed!

One little monkey jumping on the bed
He fell off and bumped his head
Mama called the Dr and the Dr said
NO more monkeys jumping on the bed!!

Books we will be reading

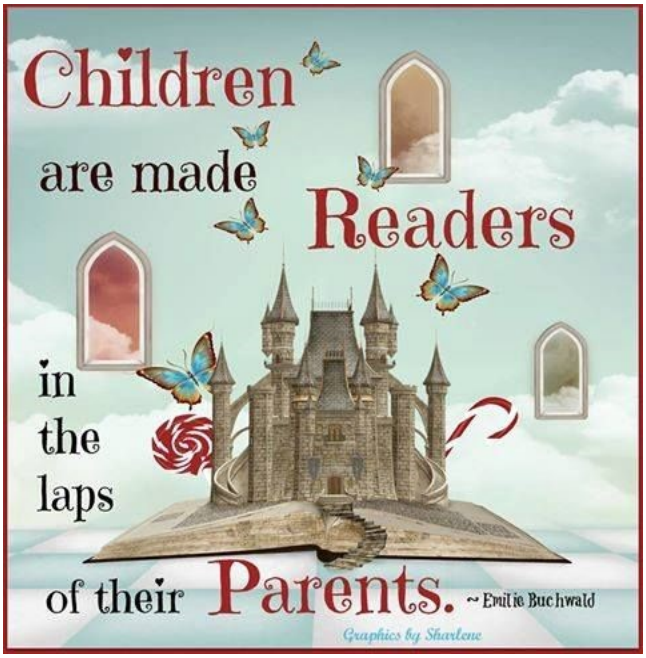
Humpty Dumpty

Ten in Bed

Five Little Monkeys

A Hunting we Will Go

This Old Man



Snow Man Fruit Snacks

Slice a banana and let your child help assemble them onto a straw a shiskabob skewer. Use a strawberry for the hat and a small grape for the pompom. Raisins or chocolate chips can be used for eyes and buttons. Stick them on with peanut butter or cream cheese glue.

Excellent fine motor activity!

Sugar Weather

When the snow-balls on the horses' hoofs
And the wind from the south blows warm,
When the cattle stand where the sunbeams beat
And the noon has a dreamy charm,
When icicles crash from the dripping eaves
And the furrows peep black through the snow,
Then I hurry away to the sugar bush,
For the sap will run, I know.
Peter Macarthur