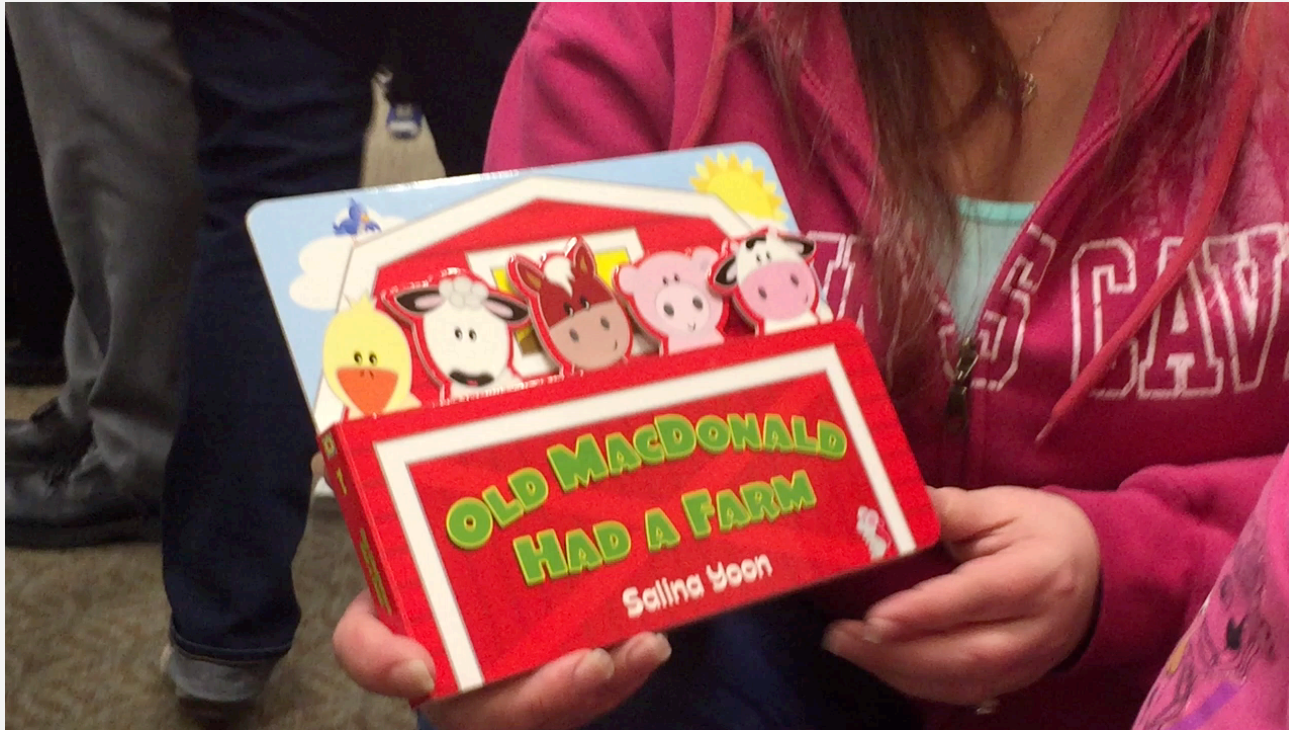




NURSERY RHYMES & PUPPETS

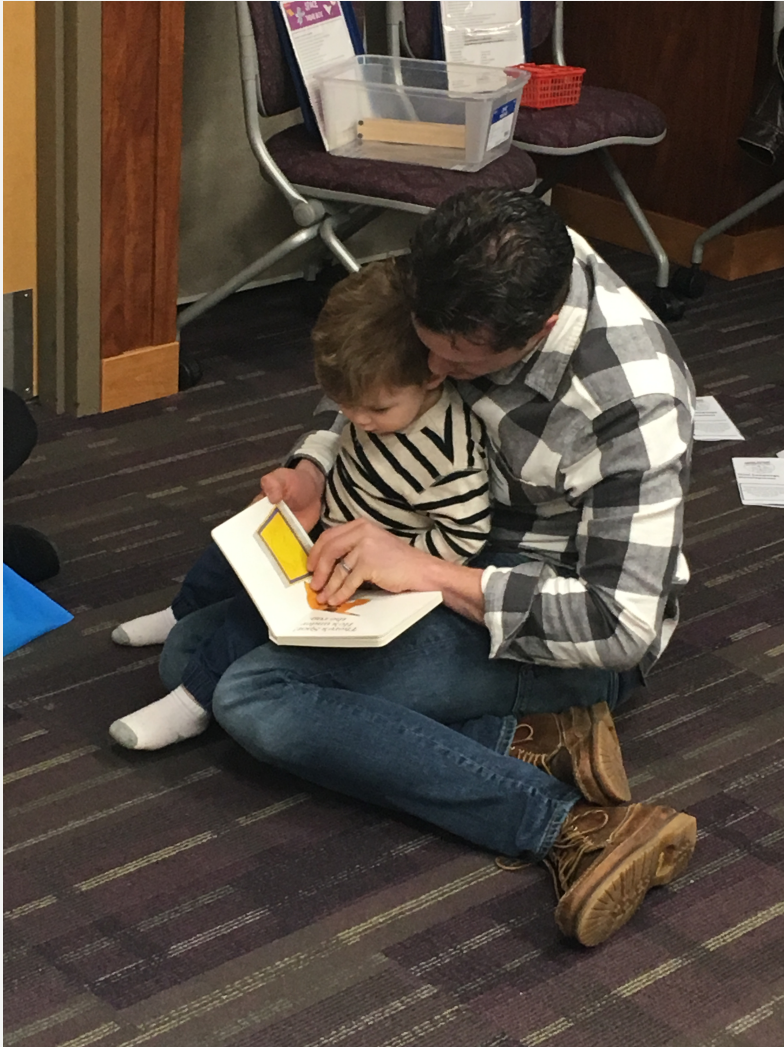
GROW THE SEED OF LEARNING



NURSERY RHYMES

Boost Pre-Reading skills among young children.

Skills include the ability to recite nursery rhymes, rhyming, and the ability to supply the last word of a familiar nursery rhyme.



EARLY LITERACY SKILLS INCLUDE:

Rhyme Production

Rhyme Detection

Rhyme Oddity (Identifying the
word that does not rhyme)

Phoneme Awareness

Phoneme Detection



PRINT RELATED SKILLS INCLUDE

Alphabet Knowledge

Awareness of Letter Sounds

Ability to write one's name

Print Concepts such as book
orientation

IMPORTANCE OF NURSERY RHYMES

- “Language and literacy development is facilitated when children have opportunities to use language in interactions with adults; to listen and respond to rhymes, chants and stories; and to experiment with the sounds of language (NAEYC, 2008).”
- Fingerplays or action rhymes help toddlers learn about rhymes and poetry. They get toddlers to listen, speak, and pair words with actions.
- Combining tactile-kinesthetic activities with nursery rhymes enhances children’s phonological awareness of rhyme and phonemes (Harper, 2011).
- Nursery Rhymes encourage children to play with words and notice different sounds, syllables, and words.
- A 2011 study concluded that speaking, singing, and reading aloud stimulate a child’s understanding and use of spoken and written language.

KINESTHETIC ACTIVITIES

Nursery Rhyme Introduced	Teaching Approach/ Strategy	Activity Description
Humpty Dumpty	Tactile-Kinesthetic Felt Board	Children recite the rhyme placing felt pieces on the felt board in sequential order.
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star	Visual & Tactile Prop Box & Rebus Poster	Children recite the rhyme using the rebus poster and prop box items to aid recall of the lyrics.
Itsy, Bitsy Spider	Visual & Tactile Craft & Rebus Poster	Children create a spider from pompoms and pipe cleaners. Using a hollow tube children recreate the spider crawling up the water spout as they chant the rhyme.
Jack and Jill	Tactile -Kinesthetic Story Board	Children sequence the rhyme using the story board pieces to aid recall.
Hey Diddle Diddle	Visual & Tactile Prop box & Rebus Poster	Children recite the rhyme using the rebus poster and prop box items to aid recall of the lyrics.
Hickory Dickory Dock	Role Play & Drama Readers' Theater	Children use clock props, a costume and a mouse puppet to reenact the mouse running up the clock as it strikes each hour.

RESOURCES

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