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Stepping Stones to Milestones

Newsletter

February 2023

Reading



Developed by our team of educators and librarians, Stepping Stones to Milestones is a cohesive storytime experience. We aim to help children get ready to start school and to position parents and caregivers as their child's first teacher. During storytime early literacy development is supported and modeled through these five practices.

1. Singing
2. Talking
3. Reading
4. Writing
5. Playing

These practices that build a rich literacy environment are easy to do and can be done anywhere.

Read different types of books to children. Story books help children learn the structure of a story. Factual books help children learn about the world.

Try these songs and rhymes at home!

Babies:

Jack Be Nimble

Substitute your child's name for Jack.

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick (bounce child on one knee)
Jack jumped over the candlestick (lift child to the other knee)

Toddlers:

Skidamarink (Song)

Skidamarink a-dink a-dink
Skidamarink a-doo
I love you
Skidamarink a-dink a-dink
Skidamarink a-doo
I love you
I love you in the morning
And in the afternoon
I love you in the evening
And underneath the moon
Skidamarink a-dink a-dink
Skidamarink a-doo
I love you

Preschoolers:

Five Little Valentines (Fingerplay)

Five little valentines were having a race
The first little valentine was frilly with lace (*thumb*)
The second little valentine had a funny face (*pointer*)
The third little valentine said "I love you" (*middle finger*)
The fourth little valentine said "I do too" (*ring finger*)
The fifth little valentine was sly as a fox (*little finger*)
He ran the fastest to your valentine box!



February Booklist

0-3 years

The Going to Bed Book by Sandra Boynton

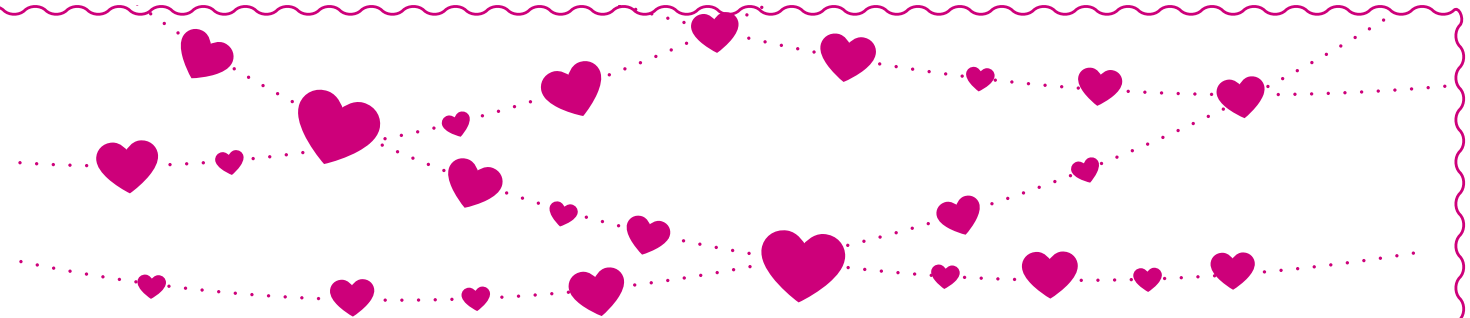
I Will Love You Forever = Te Amaré Por Siempre
by Caroline Church

Jamberry by Bruce Degen

Counting Kisses by Karen Katz

I Kissed the Baby by Mary Murphy

Baby Beluga by Raffi



3-5 years

Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry

Daddy speaks Love by Leah Henderson

Hugs and Hearts by Toni Trent Parker

Bear Can't Sleep by Karma Wilson

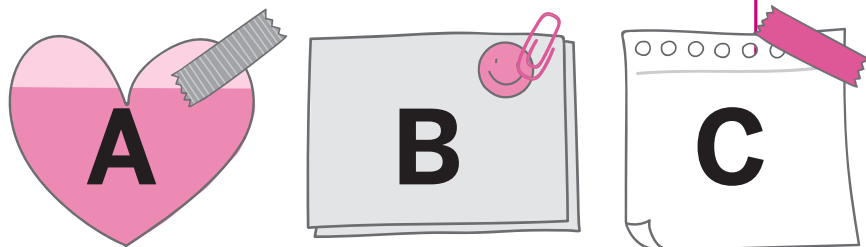
Hedgehugs by Steve Wilson



Read aloud tips for parents

Session 1: January 9, 2023 - February 10, 2023 / Session 2: February 20, 2023 - March 24, 2023

- Get excited!
- Read with expression. Use voices and sound effects. Go ahead and be silly.
- Babies and children love awesome pictures. Find books with great pictures.
- Keep books everywhere. Make books easy for your child to reach.
- Make reading a positive experience.



Sticky Note Alphabet Match Game





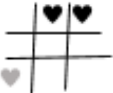

Write one letter on each sticky note. Have children stick each letter with its match that you placed on a wall. You can have children match upper case to upper case, lower case to lower case, or upper case to lower case letters.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Ages Storytime 10:00 AM ESA	Born to Read 9:30 AM ESA <hr/> Born to Read 10:15 AM EV <hr/> Toddler Storytime 10:15 AM AFL <hr/> All Ages Storytime 10:15 AM MRL <hr/> Baby-Toddler Virtual Storytime 10:30 AM Zoom	Toddler Storytime 9:30 AM ESA <hr/> All Ages Storytime 10:15 AM EV <hr/> Born to Read 10:15 AM AFL <hr/> Toddler Storytime 11:00 AM ESA	All Ages Storytime 10:15 AM KL <hr/> Preschool Storytime 10:15 AM AFL	Preschool Storytime 9:30 AM ESA <hr/> Toddler-Preschool Virtual Storytime 11:00 AM Zoom	

Storytime Kits are available at the Library.
Use the kit to participate in storytime activities at home or in the Library. Kits contain one shaky egg, one scarf, one bean bag, and a pair of lummi sticks.

February 2023 Activity Calendar

Activities in bold are for all ages. Activities in plain text are good for preschoolers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 February begins with letter F. Name other words that begin with f.	2 Sing the song "Skidamarick." See lyrics in the newsletter.	3 It's National Heart Month. Play a game of tag to give your heart some exercise.	4 Make paper hearts. Practice scissor skills as you cut out your hearts. 
5 Draw a winter picture. 	6 Count how many pans you have in the cabinet.	7 Explore how to create different shades of pink. What two colors do you need?	8 Play a board game or create a set of cards to play a matching game like Concentration.	9 It's National Pizza Day. Make your own pizza. Have your child retell the steps you did to make your pizza.	10 Sing songs as you get dressed or get ready for bed.	11 It's Black History Month. Read a book about an African American.
12 "Roses are Red. Violets are blue." Make up your own rhyme using these lines to start.	13 Read a book about love.	14 Make valentines to give to family and friends. 	15 Practice writing the letter v. Use pencil and paper.	16 It's Jell-O Week. Mix up a box of Jell-O together. Have your children describe the Jell-O before eating it.	17 Visit the Library. 	18 Clap along or tap along to a favorite song. Emphasize slow and fast parts of the song.
19 Read a book about a president.	20 Registration for storytimes and other library programs opens today!	21 Look at a calendar together. Count how many days it's been since Valentine's Day.	22 Talk about what you want to do when you grow up.	23 Go on a scavenger hunt to find red items.	24 Look at the covers of books before reading them. Talk about what the books might be about.	25 Use pink and red hearts to play a tic tac toe game. 
26 Tell a Fairy Tale Day. Read a fairy tale then have your children make up their own fairy tales about themselves.	27 Count the number of steps between your bedroom and the front door. 	28 Read a book by Anna McQuinn like <i>Leo Loves Baby Time</i>.				