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.

Try these songs or rhymes at home!

**Babies:**
Bouncing bouncing, baby on my knee (gently bounce baby on knee)
Bouncing, bouncing, one, two, three
Rocking, rocking, baby on my knee (gently rock baby)
Rocking, rocking, one, two, three
Clapping, clapping, baby on my knee (clap hands)
Clapping, clapping, one, two, three

**Preschool:** Sung to the tune of “Frere Jacques”
We eat turkey.
We eat turkey.
Oh, so good.
Oh, so good.
Always on Thanksgiving
Always on Thanksgiving
Yum, yum, yum
Yum, yum, yum

(Repeat with potatoes, corn, squash, pie, or any food your family eats on Thanksgiving)
# November Booklist

## 0-3 years
- **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carl
- **Jamberry** by Bruce Degen
- **How do you say? = ¿Cómo Se Dice?** by Angela Dominguez
- **Five Little Thank-Yous** by Cindy Jin
- **Let’s Say Hello: Learn 12 Different Languages!** illustrated by Erica Sirotich

## 3-5 years
- **Wombat said Come In** by Carmen Agra Deedy
- **Shout! Shout it Out!** by Denise Fleming
- **Anywhere Artist** by Nikki Slade Robinson
- **We Give Thanks** by Cynthia Rylant
- **How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?** by Jane Yolen

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### I’m Glad I’m Not a Turkey

**Sung to: “Did You Ever See a Lassie?”**

Oh, I’m glad I’m not a turkey, a turkey, a turkey,
Oh, I’m glad I’m not a turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

They’ll stuff you and baste you and then they will taste you. Oh, I’m glad I’m not a turkey on Thanksgiving Day!

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**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.

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**Talking**

is one of the best ways for parents and caregivers to support future reading success.

When parents and caregivers engage in conversation with children, children hear more words. Take advantage of the many opportunities during the day to converse with children including when you are:

- Doing daily routines
- Riding in the car
- Getting ready for bedtime
- Taking a walk
- Making dinner
- Sharing a book or game

**Listening to children is just as important.**

Children need more time to figure out what and how to say what’s on their mind. Be patient as children work out their replies.
### November 2023 Activity Calendar

Activities in bold print are for all ages. Activities in plain text are good to share with preschoolers.

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<td>1 November begins with N. Write or trace letter N.</td>
<td>2 It's Look for Circles Day. Find circles around the house and in pictures.</td>
<td>3 Visit the library and explore the nonfiction collection.</td>
<td>4 Play musical hide and seek. Use your phone to play music. Hide phone and encourage children to find it.</td>
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<td>5 After you read a book, have your child draw a picture about the book.</td>
<td>6 Make a squishy bag with flour, water, food coloring, and a zipper bag. Use fingers to write letters on the outside of the bag.</td>
<td>7 It's election day. Have your child vote on your dinner options.</td>
<td>8 Make popcorn and discuss what makes the kernels pop.</td>
<td>9 Use popcorn kernels, rice, or beans to make a shaker using paper plates.</td>
<td>10 Make sock puppets and put on a show.</td>
<td>11 Dance to children's music. Freeze when the music is paused.</td>
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<td>12 Learn how to say, “Thank you” in other languages including sign language.</td>
<td>13 It's World Kindness Day. Read a book about kindness.</td>
<td>14 Find words that begin with the same sound as your child's name</td>
<td>15 Use recyclable materials to create an art project.</td>
<td>16 Is it bigger than a turkey? Compare animals that are bigger and smaller than a turkey.</td>
<td>17 Play catch with a football or other type of ball.</td>
<td>18 Have children help you cross off the items on your grocery list.</td>
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<td>19 Visit the library.</td>
<td>20 Practice scissors skills by cutting strips of paper to make a woven placemat.</td>
<td>21 Read a Native American story or fairy tale.</td>
<td>22 Sing “I'm Glad I'm Not a Turkey.” See newsletter for lyrics.</td>
<td>23 Happy Thanksgiving! Share what you are thankful for.</td>
<td>24 Tell your child stories about your family.</td>
<td>25 Have fun naming or making up silly words that rhyme with pie.</td>
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<td>26 Talk to your child describing the world around you.</td>
<td>27 Use playing cards and place them in ascending order.</td>
<td>28 Pour 1 cup of water into a clear container. Stir in 1 tsp baking soda, and 1 tsp rice. Then add 1 Tbs of vinegar. Watch the rice begin to dance!</td>
<td>29 Cover a piece of paper with letters and have your child connect all the a's, b's, or other letters.</td>
<td>30 For babies: Play tissue box hide and seek to build object permanence. Place socks inside box and have baby pull out socks. Place socks back inside and repeat.</td>
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