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November 2025

Singing



eveloped 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.

to Milestones

- 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.

Make music with things you have around the house.

A pan can be a drum. Rice in an empty bottle can be a shaker. Boxes, cans, and milk jugs can be crafted into instruments.

Use your homemade instruments to make a rhythm or play a copycat game. You play a rhythm then your child copies it.



Try these songs and rhymes at home!

Babies: Hippity Hop

This is a fun song that can be done sitting with baby in parent or caregiver's lap or a child hopping. Sing to the tune of "Row. Row. Row Your Boat".

Hip, hip, hippity hop (bounce baby) Hippity, hippity, hop (bounce baby) We'll hop around the room today (bounce baby) Until it's time to stop. (stop bouncing baby)

Toddlers: Turkey and Stuffing

(Tune: Where is Thumbkin)

Turkey and stuffing, Turkey and Stuffing, Pumpkin pie. Ten feet high! We were so much thinner, Before we ate our dinner. Me-oh-my! Me-oh-my!



Preschool: I'm a Turkey

I'm a turkey, big and fat. (Spread arms out) I spread my tail. I walk like that. (Fan fingers like a turkey's tail; Waddle.)

Each day's corn I will not miss, (Rub stomach.) And when I talk, I sound like this: (Point to lips and cup hand next to ear.)

GOBBLE! GOBBLE! (Loudly gobble.)



November Booklist

0-3 years

Pete the Cat: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star by James Dean

Feast for 10 by Cathryn Falwell

Thanks A Lot by Raffi

My Heart Fills with Happiness by Monique Gray Smith

If Mama Sings by Laura Wittner

How Do Dinosaurs Learn to be Kind? by Jane Yolen

3-5 years

Over the River: A Turkey's Tale by Derek Anderson Maisy's Big Book of Kindness by Lucy Cousins

The Wishing Leaf by Kallie George **Race to Kindness** by Orion Jean

Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story

by Kevin Nobel Maillard

Thank You, Omu! by Oge Mora

Sugar Pie Lullaby: The Soul of Motown in a Song of Love

by Carole Boston Weatherford



Here We Go Looby Loo

Here we go looby loo, Here we go looby light, Here we go looby loo, All on a Saturday night.

You put your right hand in.
Your put your right hand out.
You give your hand a shake, shake,
shake,

And turn yourself about.

Here we go looby loo, Here we go looby light, Here we go looby loo, All on a Saturday night.

You put your left hand in.
You put your left hand out.
You give your hand a shake, shake,
shake,

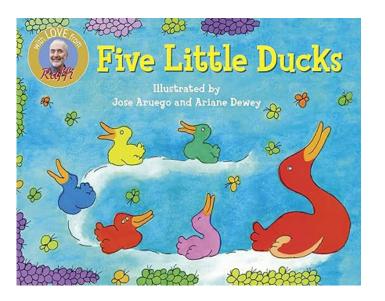
And turn yourself about.

November 2025 Stepping Stones to Milestone Schedule of programs Session 7 is November 2 to December 6 Registration for Session 7 begins on October 20, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Ages Storytime 9:30 AM ESA	Born to Read 9:30 AM ESA	Toddler Storytime 9:30 AM ESA	Preschool Storytime 10:15 AM	Preschool Storytime 9:15 AM	
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	Toddler Storytime 10:15 AM LOV				
	Preschool Storytime 11:00 AM ESA			10:30 AM ESA	

Young children benefit from singing in the following four ways.

- 1. Singing helps children develop language skills. It helps them build vocal muscles used to produce speech Singing also supports learning vocabulary as songs make use of repetition.
- Singing helps children develop social skills. Singing and playing together requires cooperation and working together.
- 3. Singing can support the development of emotional skills and help children build confidence. Singing can be calming for children.
- 4. Singing can help children build cognitive skills. Basic concepts like counting and sequencing are often included in songs for young children.





November 2025 Early Literacy Activity Calendar Activities in bold print are for all ages. Activities in plain text are good to share with preschoolers.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	Δ	5	6	7	1 Read a book by your favorite author.
Daylight Savings ends today. Make a clock using a paper plate and use it to turn back the clock 1 hour.	Have your child tell you or a family member about their day.	Make a ballot with dinner options and let your child vote for what to eat for dinner.	Play a game of Tic Tac Toe and practice taking turns. For younger children, provide x's and o's. Older children can write them.	Find words that start with the same letter as November.	Go for a walk then have your child draw a picture of something seen during the walk.	Put cubed apples into different liquids like lemon juice, vinegar, and soda and see what happens.
9 Happy Birthday, Lois Ehlert. Read a book written or illustrated by her.	10 Sing songs with hand motions like "The Wheels on the Bus."	Count how many chairs you have in your house.	Practice writing your first name.	It's World Kindness Day. Decorate a jar and fill with slips of paper listing kind deeds. Select one deed to do today.	Create an obstacle course using pillows and boxes. Children and babies can crawl through the course.	15 Visit the library!
16 Use crayons to draw different shapes.	Put together a puzzle.	Talk or sing with babies and children throughout their awake time.	Bake a loaf of bread. Use frozen bread dough. Watch as the dough rises and discuss why that happens.	Use a mirror and make silly faces .	Hide pictures of turkeys around your home and have children go on a scavenger hunt.	Make a card to send to a friend or family member wishing them Happy Thanksgiving.
Put on some music and waddle like a turkey until the music stops.	Visit the library!	25 Pretend play: Set a table for your pretend dinner. How many plates will you need for the toys you invite?	26 Make a paper turkey.	27 Tell three things that you are thankful for.	28 Rhymes with food. Together make up a silly rhyme using words that rhyme with food.	Tape toys in a muffin tin and let your child practice their pincer grasp by removing the tape to "rescue" the toys.
30 Find a crazy spot to read a favorite book.						