

Songs

Opening Song: Hands Go Up

(tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

Hands go up and hands go down I can turn around and round. I can jump upon two shoes I can listen, so can you. I can sit, I'll show you how Storytime is starting now.



Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout, Down came the rain and washed the spider out. Out came the sun and dried up all the rain, And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again!



Five Little Butterflies

Five little butterflies resting at the door. One flew away and then there were four. Four Little butterflies sitting in a tree, One flew away and then there were three. Three little butterflies in the sky so blue One flew away and then there were two. Two little butterflies sitting in the sun, One flew away and then there was one. One little butterfly, now all alone. She was so lonely, she flew home.

Dance Your Fingers

Dance your fingers up Dance your fingers down Dance your fingers to the side Dance them all around Dance them on your shoulders Dance them on your head Dance them on your tummy And put them all to bed

Action Rhymes and Fingerplays

My Friendly Caterpillar

My friendly caterpillar (fingers crawl up arm) Made its cocoon one day (close hands) It turned into a butterfly (open hands with thumbs hooked) And guickly flew away! (flap hands)

Butterflies in the Garden

The first to come to the garden bed are lovely butterflies of brilliant RED. In comes another color and that makes two Fly right in, my friends of BLUE. This garden is fine, the best I've seen say the butterflies of bright, bright GREEN. Our garden needs a sunny fellow Fly in butterflies, with wings of YELLOW. Little friends of PURPLE, fly in too the garden is waiting for a color like you. Hello ORANGE, we've waited so long fly in, right where you belong. Butterflies, Butterflies, you're such a sight Flying together with such delight!



Learning Continues at Home!



Early Literacy Skill: Vocabulary (knowing the meanings of words for things, concepts, feelings & ideas)

Researchers have found that children with large vocabularies, who know lots of different words, find it easier to read when that time comes. As you sing, talk, read, write and play with your children throughout the day, you can build your children's vocabulary.

Continue the Fun...

Narrate Your Day!

One way you can increase your child's vocabulary is by "narrating your day." That simply means to **talk** about what you are doing while you are doing it. Or you can say what your children are doing while they are doing it. You might even add little stories about when you were a child. By doing this, you are exposing your children to lots of language! Leave your children time to respond, even if you cannot understand what he or she is saying.



Tired of listening to the same kids' songs over and over?

Check out our great CD collection! This week's recommendations include:



Rockabye Baby: Lullaby Renditions of the Beatles

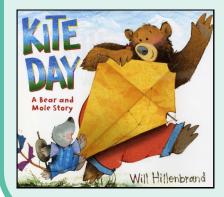


You are My Little Bird by Elizabeth Mitchell



Classic Nursery Rhymes by Susie Tallman

What's Happening at Schlow?



Author Visit: Will Hillenbrand

Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30pm Downsbrough Community Room

Meet Will Hillenbrand, creator of the wonderful picture book *Kite Day*! Go behind the scenes with this author/illustrator and learn how a picture book comes to life!