Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

**Books to Share**

- **Love Makes a Family** by Sophie Beer
- **It's Great Being a Dad** by Dan Bar-el
- **My Daddy Is a Silly Monkey** by Dianne Hofmeyr
- **Things To Do With Dad** by Sam Zuppardi
- **You and Me, Me and You** by Miguel Tanco
- **Baking With Dad** by Aurora Cacciapuoti
- **Be Glad Your Dad** by Matthew Logelin
- **My Amazing Dad** by Ezekiel Kwaymullina
- **A Plan For Pops** by Heather Smith
- **The Family Book** by Todd Parr
- **Stella Brings The Famliy** by Miriam B. Schiffer

**Fingerplay: “Heart”**

I put my hands together,  
This is how I start  
I curve my fingers right around,  
And I can make a heart!

**“If You Love Dad and You Know It”**

If you love Dad, and you know it  
Clap your hands  
If you love Dad, and you know it  
Clap your hands  
If you love Dad and you know it  
And you really want to show it  
If you love Dad, and you know it  
Clap your hands

[verses: Give a hug, blow a kiss, say I love you]
“I Have a Little Heart”

I have a little heart.
[put hand on chest]

It goes thump, thump, thump.
[pat chest 3X]

It beats even faster when I jump, jump jump!
[jump 3x]

I get a special feeling when I look at you.
[point to eyes, gesture to audience]

It makes me want to give you a hug or two!
[hug yourself]

Guessing Game: Daddy/Baby Matching

This baby makes a mooing sound when his father’s not around.
Calf is the name of this baby.
What is his father called?
COW

Other verses:
Barking, puppy, dog
Meowing, kitten, cat
Quacking, duckling, duck
Oinking, piglet, pig
Growling, cub, bear
Roaring, cub, lion
Cheeping, chick, rooster

"All You Need Is Love" by The Beatles (1967)

MORE FUN!
Cardboard Lacing Heart

Supplies:
Corrugated cardboard
Yarn
Scissors
Hole Punch

Draw a large heart shape on your cardboard and cut it out (grown-ups are needed for this step).

Punch holes around the edge of the heart (or in the middle, making a smaller heart shape) and begin lacing yarn through them.

This craft makes a great gift for special people in your child’s life and gives them practice in developing their fine motor skills.

Talk about all the people in your/your child’s life that you can celebrate on Father’s Day. Uncles, grandpas, step-fathers, caregivers -- there is plenty of love to go around!

Ask your child what other words they can think of that begin with the letter “F.” Make a list!

Play a rhyming game with your child: take turns coming up with words that rhyme with "dad." Rhyming helps young children start seeing patterns in words and the sounds they make.