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

**FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS**

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 Mom and You Know It”  
(can substitute other words: grandma, aunt, sister)

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

(verses: Give a hug, blow a kiss, say I love you)
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.

Mother/Baby Matching Game:

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

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

"Love Grows One by One" by Carole Stephens ("H.U.M All Year Long," 2003)

Talk about all the people in your/your child's life that you can celebrate on Mother's Day. Aunts, grandmas, step-mothers, caregivers . . . there is plenty of love to go around!

Play a drawing game! Write down words that you and your child associate with mothers and babies on slips of paper, then put the slips of paper in a jar or container and take turns pulling words at random and illustrating them.

Ask your child if they can think of any other words that begin with the letter "M."

“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]

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