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

- Smiley Shark by Ruth Galloway
- Chomp: A Shark Romp by Michael-Paul Terranova
- Never Touch a Shark! by Rosie Greening
- Baby Shark: Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo by John John Bajet
- Dude! by Aaron Reynolds
- Shark Nate-O by Tara Luebbe
- I Love Sharks, Too! by Leanne Shirtliffe
- If Sharks Disappeared by Lily Williams
- Shark Lady by Jess Keating
- Slickety Quick: Poems About Sharks by Skila Brown

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

- The Sharks in the Sea
  The sharks in the sea go chomp, chomp, chomp,
  Chomp, chomp, chomp,
  Chomp, chomp, chomp!
  The sharks in the sea go chomp, chomp, chomp, All day long.

  [Verses:
   The fish in the sea go swim, swim
   The crabs in the sea go pinch, pinch, pinch
   The dolphins in the sea go jump and splash
   The clams in the sea go open and shut]

- Five Sharks in a Bathtub
  One shark in the bathtub going for a swim.
  Knock, knock [clap hands twice]
  Splash, splash [slap your knees twice]
  Come on in! [wave to enter with both hands]

  [Repeat with two sharks, three sharks, four sharks…]

  [Final verse:]
  Five sharks in the bathtub going for a swim.
  Knock, knock
  Splash, splash
  It all fell in!
Teasing Mr Shark

5 little fish swimming in the sea,
Teasing Mr. Shark, “You can’t catch me!”
Along come Mr. Shark as quiet as can be and
SNAPS that fish right out of the sea!

[Verses: 4,3,2,1]

Bubble, Bubble, Pop!

One little red fish
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water.
One little red fish
Swimming in the water,
Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble...POP!

[Verses: Increase the number and change the color]

Baby Shark

Baby shark, do, do, do, do
Baby shark.
Mama shark, do, do, do, do
Mama shark.
Grandpa shark, do, do, do, do
Grandpa shark.
Grandma shark, do, do, do, do
Grandma shark.
Now we swim, do, do, do
From the sharks, do, do, do.

"Octopus's Garden" by The Beatles (1969)

MORE FUN!

Feed The Shark Alphabet/Color Game

Materials:

Large piece of cardboard
Scissors
White cardstock or construction paper (cut into shark teeth shapes)
Tape
Colored cardstock or construction paper (cut into fish shapes)
Marker

Cut a shark head out of your large cardboard and cut a mouth out of the center.

Tape the shark’s ‘teeth’ along the back of his mouth hole.

Secure your shark to floor/other flat surface with painter’s tape or other non-permanent adhesive.

Write letters of the alphabet, numbers, shapes, and/or sight words (depending on your child’s age) on each ‘fish’ and play! You can ask your child to find all the red fish, or to find all the fish with squares drawn on them, etc.

Don’t be afraid to use specific vocabulary words with your child! Check out a non-fiction book on sharks and discuss all the different kinds of sharks (hammerhead, great white, tiger, sawnose, etc.).

What do they all have in common? What makes them different from one another? Being able to compare and contrast like this is a powerful early learning skill.