

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!



# SCHOOL DAYS

## LETTER OF THE DAY

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## BOOKS TO SHARE

*Wemberly Worried*  
by Kevin Henkes

*How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?*  
by Jane Yolen

*Llama Llama Misses Mama*  
by Anna Dewdney

*School's First Day of School*  
by Adam Rex

*Twindergarten*  
by Nikki Ehrlich

*Bye, Bye!*  
by Nancy Kaufmann

*Pete The Cat: Rocking In My School Shoes*  
by Eric Litwin

*It's Time For Preschool!*  
by Esmé Raji Codell

*My Preschool*  
by Anne F. Rockwell

*Kindergarten Diary*  
by Antoinette Portis

*Bob and Flo*  
by Rebecca Ashdown

## FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

### Five Little Books

Five little books in the classroom,  
Five little books as great as can be  
Along comes [name] with their library card  
To take one home and read!

### The Wheels on the Bus [action rhyme]

The wheels on the bus go round and round  
[make circle motions with your arms]  
Round and round, round and round  
The wheels on the bus go round and round  
All through the town

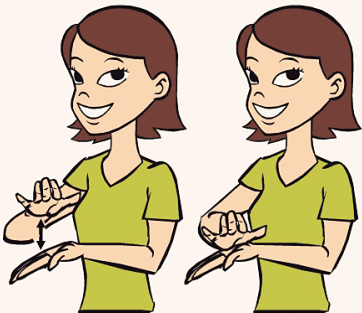
The wipers on the bus go "Swish, swish, swish,  
[move your arms back and forth]  
Swish, swish, swish, swish, swish, swish"  
The wipers on the bus go "Swish, swish, swish"  
All through the town.

The horn on the bus goes "Beep, beep, beep  
[pretend to honk a horn]  
Beep, beep, beep, beep, beep, beep"  
The horn on the bus go "Beep, beep, beep"  
All through the town.

### What Will I Wear to School Today?

What will I wear to school today, school today,  
school today?  
What will I wear to school today?  
Perhaps something [color]!

## ASL SIGN OF THE DAY "School"



## There's a Dog In School

There's a dog in school, OH NO!  
What are we going to do?  
As long as there's a dog in school  
He'll have to learn his alphabet, too!

*[Bark the ABC song, then continue with other animals. Examples: cow, cat, pig, etc. End with 'kid' and sing the ABC song the traditional way.]*

## The More We Learn Together

The more we learn together, together, together  
the more we learn together  
the happier we'll be.  
For your friends are my friends  
and my friends are your friends  
The more we learn together  
the happier we'll be.

## Mary Had a Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb  
Little lamb, little lamb,  
Mary had a little lamb  
Whose fleece was white as snow

And everywhere that Mary went,  
Mary went, Mary went,  
Everywhere that Mary went  
The lamb was sure to go.

He followed her to school one day,  
School one day, school one day,  
He followed her to school one day  
Which was against the rules.

It made the children laugh and play,  
Laugh and play, laugh and play,  
It made the children laugh and play,  
To see a lamb at school.

## MORE FUN!

**Note: It can be tempting, when making a craft or working on an art project to do the craft yourself instead of allowing your child to try, struggle, (and sometimes fail) to make the craft 'correctly.'**

**However, it is the PROCESS, not the PRODUCT that is most important part of making something with a child. Have fun and don't worry about perfection!**

## Paper Backpack

Supplies:

Large piece of cardstock for backpack 'body'  
Stapler  
Small pieces of colored construction paper  
Glue  
Markers (optional) for decorating



Cut TWO large backpack shapes out of your cardstock. Staple together along sides and at bottom, but leave top open so you can put (small) items inside your backpack!

Cut two long strips of construction paper for your backpack straps and staple onto the back of your backpack.

Decorate the front of your backpack with markers and/or pieces of construction paper -- create false pockets and zippers, add your name and your favorite thing about school . . . the possibilities are endless!



Talking with your child about the emotions they may feel and the new routines they will be getting used to when they first enter pre-school or Kindergarten is a simple way to reduce anxiety during this transition.

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