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

- I’m An Immigrant Too! by Mem Fox
- Good Morning, Neighbor by Davide Cali
- Thank You, Omu by Oge Mora
- All Of Us by Carin Berger
- Shelter by Céline Claire
- All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold
- Love The World by Todd Parr
- Counting on Community by Innosanto Nagara
- Maybe Something Beautiful by F. Isabel Campoy
- Say Something! by Peter H. Reynolds
- Look Where We Live: A First Book of Community Building by Scot Ritchie

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

- The People in Your Neighborhood [Tune: "The Wheels on the Bus"]
  - Oh, who are the people in your neighborhood
    - In your neighborhood
  - Oh, who are the people in your neighborhood, The people that you meet each day.
  - Oh, the fireman is a person in your neighborhood,
    - In your neighborhood, in your neighborhood.
  - The Fireman is a person in your neighborhood,
    - A person that you meet each day.
  - [Add verses with other people in the neighborhood; grocer, mail carrier, shoemaker etc.]

- The More We Get Together [Tune: "Did You Ever See a Lassie?"]
  - The more we get together
    - Together, together
  - The more we get together
  - The happier we'll be
  - 'Cause your friends are my friends
    - And my friends are your friends
  - The more we get together
    - The happier we'll be!
Five Little Houses [fingerplay]

One little house all alone it stood
Then another was built
There grows the neighborhood.

[Two little houses…
Three little houses…
Four little houses…]

Five little houses
All together they stood
On a beautiful street in a happy neighborhood.

It's So Much Fun to Share
[Tune: "A-Hunting We Will Go"]

It’s so much fun to share
It’s so much fun to share
I have a hat
I’ll share with a cat
It’s so much fun to share.

[Verses:
box – fox
log – frog
boat – goat
pail – whale
wig – pig
chair – bear]

Let's Be Friends
[Tune: "London Bridge"]

Let's be friends with one another
One another, one another
Let's be friends with one another
Let's be friends today!

"Imagine" by John Lennon (1971)

"Love Grows One By One" by Carole Peterson (2004)

Kindness Paper Chain

Supplies:

- Construction paper in varying colors
- Scissors
- Stapler or glue/tape
- Markers

Guide your child with cutting long strips out of the construction paper (this is great fine motor practice for them, so try not to do them all yourself!).

Store the paper strips somewhere accessible to you and your child(ren) and spend a little time each day talking with them about kind things they've experienced and kind things that they have done for others. Write down these acts of kindness on strips of paper and join them together to make a paper chain.

Tip: Older children can write these on their own, and younger children should also be encouraged to try to write/scribble as a way to practice their pre-writing skills.

As the chain grows over time, it can spark conversations among your family about how doing good for others makes us stronger as a community!

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on September 21st. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences.

Talk with your child(ren) about what peace means to them and how you can cultivate peace together within your neighborhood community and within the larger world.