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!

**BAKING AND COOKING**

**LETTER OF THE DAY**

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**BOOKS TO SHARE**

*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff

*The Duckling Gets a Cookie?* by Mo Willems

*Good Morning, Neighbor* by Davide Cali

*Soup Day* by Melissa Iwai

*Bee-Bim Bop* by Linda Sue Park

*The Baker's Dozen* by Dan Andreasen

*Baking Day At Grandma's* by Anika Denise

*All For Pie, Pie For All* by David Martin

*Feast For 10* by Cathryn Falwell

*Bilal Cooks Daal* by Aisha Saeed

*Pancakes For Breakfast* by Tomie DePaola

**FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS**

Pat-a-Cake [Traditional Nursery Rhyme]

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker’s man.
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.
Pat it and roll it and mark it with “B”
And put it in the oven for Baby and me.

Making Cookies [Action Rhyme]

I am making cookie dough. *[hold out arms in a circle, like a bowl]*
Round and round the beaters go. *[roll hands]*
Add some flour from a cup. *[shake a pretend cup]*
Stir and stir the batter up. *[stirring motion]*
Roll them, cut them nice and neat. *[rolling pin motion]*
Put them on a cookie sheet. *[place pretend cookies]*
Bake them, count them 1-2-3. *[counting motion]*
Serve them to my friends for tea. *[take a bite!]*

What Should We Bake? [rhyme]

Warm up the oven!
What should we make?
Is *[name of food or non food object]*
something we would bake?

*Take turns with your child supplying ideas for objects to fill in the rhyme and then discussing if it is possible/desirable to bake that item!*
Who Stole The Cookies From The Cookie Jar?

Who stole the cookies from the cookie jar? [clap to the rhythm of the words] [CHILD'S NAME] stole the cookies from the cookie jar. Who me? [child shrugs] Yes, you! [point to child] Couldn't be! [shake your heads] Then who? [hold out hands in a questioning gesture]

Five Cupcakes [fingerplay]

Down around the corner in the bakery shop, Were five yummy cupcakes with sprinkles on top. Along comes [child's name] with a dollar to pay They buy a cupcake and take it away! [verses: count down with four, three, two, one, none]

Eating and Counting [fingerplay]

1, 2, 3, 4, [child's name] is at the kitchen door. 5, 6, 7, 8, eating [name of food] off a plate. [make eating noises]

Stir the Soup [action rhyme]

Stir, stir, stir the soup Stir it all day long. Add some [insert food name here]. Take a taste. [slurrrp!] Soup will make us strong. [flex arm]

"If I Knew You Were Comin' I'd've Baked a Cake" by Eileen Barton (1950)