

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!

CHICKS AND CHICKENS

LETTER OF THE DAY

BOOKS TO SHARE

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

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Interrupting Chicken
by David Ezra Stein

Chicken Little (non-fic)
by Rebecca Emberley

Chicken Big
by Keith Graves

Chicken Soup
by Jean Van Leeuwen

Chicken Story Time
by Sandy Asher

Little Chicken's Big Day
by Jerry Davis

I Got A Chicken For My Birthday
by Laura Gehl

Chicken Lily
by Lori Mortensen

Chicken In The Kitchen
by Nnedi Okorafor

Chicken, Chicken, Duck!
by Nadia Krilanovich

Silly Chicken
by Rukhsana Khan

Big Fat Hen
by Keith Baker

Chicken Soup, Chicken Soup
by Pamela Mayer

The Hens in the Coop

[Tune: "The Wheels on the Bus"]

The hens in the coop go cluck, cluck, cluck,
Cluck, cluck, cluck, cluck, cluck, cluck.
The hens in the coop go cluck cluck cluck,
all around the farm.

[Verses: *The chicks in the yard go cheep; The rooster on the fence goes cock a doodle doo*]

Five Eggs [fingerplay]

Five eggs [hold up five fingers]
and five eggs [hold up the other five fingers]
And that makes ten.
Sitting on top is Mother Hen [make one hand into a fist and cover with the other]
Cluck cluck cluck, what do I see? [open hands and wiggle all ten fingers]
Ten fluffy chickens, yellow as can be.

One, Two, Buckle My Shoe [English Nursery Rhyme]

One, two,
buckle my shoe.
Three, four,
shut the door.
Five, six,
pick up sticks.
Seven, eight,
lay them straight.
Nine, ten,
a big, fat hen!

ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Chicken"



Make the sign for "bird" (a beak shape) sign with your right hand and hold your left flat hand palm up in front of you. Then bring the beak shape down to the left hand to represent a chicken pecking for seeds on the ground.

I'm A Little Chick

[Tune: "I'm A Little Teapot"]

I'm a little chick inside an egg,

[arms up into a circle]

I'm always sleeping, snoring away.

[ASL sign for 'sleep']

Soon you'll hear a pecking, pecking sound,

[put your hands back in circle up in the air]

My egg will crack and I'll jump out!

[break arms apart, and jump in the air]

Cluck, Cluck Red Hen

[Tune: "Baa-Baa Black Sheep"]

Cluck, cluck red hen,

Have you any eggs?

Yes sir! Yes sir!

As many as your legs!

One for your breakfast,

and one for your lunch!

Come back tomorrow,

I'll have another bunch!

Cluck, cluck red hen,

Have you any eggs?

Yes sir! Yes sir!

As many as your legs!

"I Know A Chicken," by Laurie Berkner
(1997)

MORE FUN!

DIY Egg Shakers

Materials:

Clean and empty pill bottle, film canister, plastic egg, etc.

Dried rice, beans, or corn kernels

Fill bottle/egg about 2/3 of the way with your filler material.

You want room for the material to move around so it can make that distinctive noise!

Different filler materials will create varying sounds.

Experiment and discuss the differences you can hear with your child(ren).

Seal bottle closed with hot glue or heavy-duty tape.

Using these shakers is a great opportunity for your child(ren) to explore rhythm and sound.



How many other kinds of animals can you and your child(ren) think of that lay eggs? Are all of them types of birds or can you think of some fish and reptiles as well?

When you're next shopping together with your child(ren), point out the different colors of eggs in the grocery store. When you're cooking eggs, you can introduce **new vocabulary words** like "albumen" (the name for the egg white), yolk, and shell.

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