

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!

HATS

LETTER OF THE DAY

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BOOKS TO SHARE

Hooray For Hat!
by Brian Won

Harold Loves His Woolly Hat
by Vern Kousky

You Must Bring A Hat!
by Simon Philip

A Hat For Mrs. Goldman
by Michelle Edwards

We Found A Hat
by Jon Klassen

I Had A Favorite Hat
by Boni Ashburn

The Queen's Hat
by Steve Antony

I Love My Hat
by Douglas Florian

Red Hat
by Lita Judge

Don't Worry, Douglas!
by David Melling

The Magic Hat
by Mem Fox

*Whose Hat Is This?: A Look
At Hats Workers Wear*
by Sharon Katz Cooper

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

Hats, Hats, Hats

Hats on police officers starchy and blue
Hats on fire fighters shiny and new
Hats on marchers in a band
Hats on astronauts when they land
Hats on farmers made of straw
Hats on artists when they draw
Hats on kids out in the sun
Hats on almost everyone!

My Hat Goes On My Head

[Tune: "The Farmer In The Dell"]

Oh my hat goes on my head,
My hat goes on my head,
Getting ready to go out and play,
My hat goes on my head.

[Verses: my shoes go on my feet,

Hats Are Blowing

[Tune: "Frere Jacques"]

Hats are blowing,
Hats are blowing,
In the air,
Everywhere!
Every time the wind blows,
Someone's hat, away it goes.
Hold on tight,
You'll be all right!



To sign "hat," tap on your head using your flat dominant hand, as if putting on a hat.

Where Is Hat?

[Tune: "Where Is Thumbkin?"]

Where is hat? Where is hat?
Here I am. [mime putting on a hat]
Here I am.
How are you today, sir?
Very well, I thank you.
Take it off. [mime removing hat]
Take it off.

Now You're Getting Dressed

[Tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb"]

First put on your underwear, underwear,
underwear.
First put on your underwear,
Now you're getting dressed.

[Verses: stick your arms up in your shirt;
pull your pants up to your waist; wiggle
your toes down in your shoes; put your hat
atop your head]

Now you can go out and play, out and play, out
and play.
Now you can go out and play,
On this sunny day!

"The Straw Hat Song" by Desi Arnaz (1949)

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 Bowl Hat

Materials:

- Medium sized paper or styrofoam bowl
- Glue
- Scissors
- Variety of decorative materials
 - Construction paper
 - Stickers
 - Buttons
 - Ribbons or crepe paper



Lay out the supplies and let your child's imagination run wild!

After you and you child(ren) have made hats, you can wear them in pretend play. Make different hats for different dress-up scenarios.

There are so many rich, specific vocabulary words we use when talking about hats ("fedora," "helmet," "bonnet," etc.). How many can you and your child(ren) think of? Look up some pictures of these hats.

Remember, never be afraid to introduce new or complex words to your child(ren). You don't have to substitute a common word ("hat") for the correct one ("beret").

Brainstorm with your child a list of words that begin with the letter 'H.'

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