

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!



# HOME

## LETTER OF THE DAY

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## BOOKS TO SHARE

*Castles, Caves, and Honeycombs*  
by Linda Ashman

*A New House For Mouse*  
by Petr Horáček

*The House in the Night*  
by Susan Marie Swanson

*Do Lions Live On Lily Pads?*  
by Melanie Walsh

*This Is Our House*  
by Hyewon Yum

*Home*  
by Carson Ellis

*Mama Dug a Little Den*  
by Jennifer Ward

*If I Built a House*  
by Chris Van Dusen

*My House*  
by Byron Barton

*Grandma's Tiny House*  
by JaNay Brown-Wood

*The Little House*  
by Virginia Lee Burton

## FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

### "Tap At The Door" [Fingerplay]

Tap at the door, [tap one hand with fingers of other]

Peep in, [form fingers into rings around eyes]

Turn the knob, [make turning motion with other hand]

Walk in, [walk fingers of one hand on palm of other]

And – shut the door! [clap loudly]

### "Here Is A House" [Fingerplay]

Here is a house built up high [hands over head to make a roof]

With two big chimneys reaching for the sky [raise arms up high]

Here is a window [draw a square]

Here is a door [pretend to open a door]

If we look inside [peek through fingers]

There's a mouse on the floor! [scamper fingers away]

### Houses [Fingerplay]

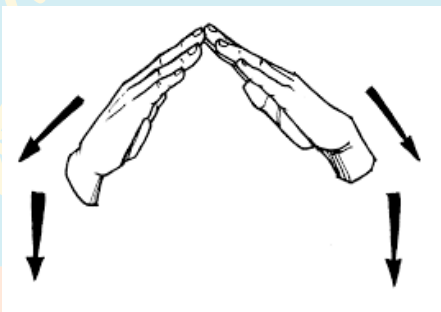
Here is a nest for robin [cup both hands]

Here is a hive for bee [fists together]

Here is a hole for bunny [make a circle]

And here is a house for ME! [make a roof]

## ASL SIGN OF THE DAY "House"



The sign for "house" uses "flat hands" to show the roof and walls of a house.

## Five Little Houses

One little house, all alone it stood.  
Then another one was built, there grows the neighborhood.  
Two little houses, all alone they stood.  
Then another one was built, there grows the neighborhood.  
Three little houses, all alone they stood.  
Then another one was built, there grows the neighborhood.  
Four little houses, all alone they stood.  
Then another one was built, there grows the neighborhood.  
Five little houses, all together they stood.  
On a beautiful street in a happy neighborhood!

## A Hill Is A House

A hill is a house for an ant,  
A hive is a house for a bee.  
A hole is a house for a mole or a mouse  
And a house is a house for me!  
A web is a house for a spider.  
A bird builds its nest in a tree.  
There is nothing so snug as a bug in a rug  
And a house is a house for me!

## "Come On-A My House" by Rosemary Clooney (1951)

## MORE FUN!

### D.I.Y. Paper Bag City

*Supplies:*  
Lunch size paper bags  
Old newspapers/scrap paper  
Paint, markers, stickers, etc. (get creative!)  
Stapler  
Glue or tape (optional)



Paint or draw on your bags to add some base color and then draw or paste on windows, doors, shingles, gardens . . . whatever you can think of! You can even glue on pictures from old magazines and newspapers.

When you're all done decorating, stuff the paper bags with sheets of crumpled newspaper/scrap paper so that the 'house' will be able to stand on its own.

Fold the top edge over 2-3 times and then staple closed.

As you walk through the neighborhood, talk with your child about which buildings may be peoples' homes and which are used for other purposes. Try out new vocabulary words like 'pharmacy' and 'fire station.'

Talk with your child about the types of structures that humans and animals call 'home.' How are an apartment building and a beehive alike? How are they different? Learning to compare and contrast like this is a valuable skill, used in many different types of problem solving.

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