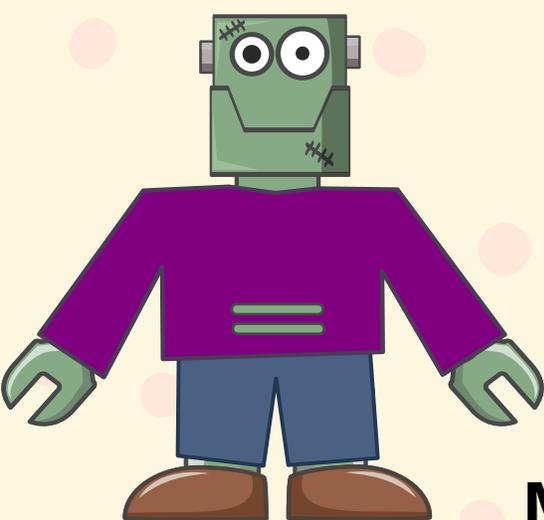


Dear Caregivers:

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!



# MONSTERS

## LETTER OF THE DAY

M m

## BOOKS TO SHARE

*Monster Boogie*  
by Laurie Berkner

*I Want to Be In a Scary Story*  
by Sean Taylor

*This Book Is Full of Monsters*  
by Guido van Genechten

*Marisol McDonald and the Monster*  
by Monica Brown

*Monster Trouble*  
by Lane Fredrickson

*Tickle Monster*  
by Édouard Manceau

*Bonaparte Falls Apart*  
by Margery Cuyler

*Go Away, Big Green Monster*  
by Ed Emberley

*The Monster at the End of This Book*  
by Jon Stone

*Mostly Monsterly*  
by Tammi Sauer

*The Monster Alphabet*  
by Michael P. Spradlin

## FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

**Horns, Fangs, Knees, and Claws [action rhyme]**

[Tune: "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes"]

Horns, fangs  
Knees and claws  
Knees and claws.  
Horns, fangs  
Knees and claws  
Knees and claws.  
Eyes and ears and tail and paws  
Horns, fangs  
Knees and claws  
Knees and claws.

**Monster, Monster [action rhyme]**

Monster Monster, turn around! [turn around]  
Monster, Monster, touch the ground! [touch ground]  
Monster, Monster, reach up high! [stretch up high]  
Monster, Monster, squint your eyes! [squint eyes]  
Monster, Monster, show your teeth! [bare teeth and make claws]  
Monster, Monster, stomp your feet! [stomp]  
Monster, Monster, slap your knees! [slap knees]  
Monster, Monster, sit down, please! [sit down]

## ASL SIGN OF THE DAY "Scared/Afraid"



Start with your hands in fists and move them to the front of your body before opening both fists wide. Make sure to also match your facial expression to the emotion being signed.

## Five Little Monsters

FIVE little monsters underneath the bed  
One stood up and bumped his head,  
Mother called the doctor  
And the doctor said:

"No more monsters underneath the bed!"

[Verses: count down from five]

## 10 Little Monsters [fingerplay]

[counting to 10 with your fingers]

1 little, 2 little, 3 little monsters.

4 little, 5 little, 6 little monsters.

7 little, 8 little, 9 little monsters.

10 monsters don't scare me!

## Monster Hokey Pokey

You put your right claw in, you put your right claw out.

You put your right claw in, and you shake it all about.

You do the monster pokey and you turn yourself around.

That's what it's all about! Boo!

You put your left claw in, you put your left claw out.

You put your left claw in, and you shake it all about.

You do the monster pokey and you turn yourself around.

That's what it's all about! Boo!

You put your sharp fangs in, you put your sharp fangs out.

You put your sharp fangs in and you shake them all about.

You do the monster pokey and you turn yourself around.

That's what it's all about...Boo!

**"Monster Mash" by Bobby Pickett, (1962)**

## MORE FUN!

### Roll a Monster Game

Supplies:

Die

Felt

Scissors

Paper/pencil



Cut out a variety of eyes, mouths, hair, horns, legs, arms, etc. from different colors of felt.

Make a key with instructions for each possible roll of the die (example -- "five = add one leg; three = add spiky hair").

Take turns rolling the die and adding pieces to your monster. Make up stories about your monster when he/she is complete . . . where does your monster live? What is its name? Is it scary or nice?

**This game will strengthen your child's ability for turn-taking and following directions (commonly referred to as 'self-regulation') as well as their narrative skills.**

What other words can your child think of that begin with the letter 'M'?

Talk with your child about what they're scared of. How do we handle being scared? How does being scared feel in our bodies?

**Acknowledging your child's feelings and brainstorming ways to combat fear together is crucial to their development.**

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