

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!



OWLS

LETTER OF THE DAY

O O

"Owl"

BOOKS TO SHARE

Abacadabra!: The Magic Of Trying
by Maria Giraldo

Little Owl's Egg
by Debi Gliori

Good Night Owl
by Greg Pizzoli

Hooray For Today!
by Brian Won

Hoot And Peep
by Lita Judge

Owl Sees Owl
by Laura Godwin

Happy
by Emma Dodd

Little Owl's Orange Scarf
by Tatyana Feeney

Little Owl's Night
by Divya Srinivasan

Owl Babies
by Martin Waddell

Owl Moon
by Jane Yolen

Owl Love You
by Matthew Heroux

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

Owl Hokey Pokey [action rhyme]
[Tune: "Hokey Pokey"]

You put your right wing in
You put your right wing out
You put your right wing in
And you flap it all about
You do the owl pokey and you fly yourself around
That's what it's all about! Hoo, hoo!

[Verses: left wing, right claw, left claw, beak, whole self]

Wide-Eyed Owl [action rhyme]

There's a wide-eyed owl **[circle your eyes with your hands]**
With a pointed nose **[make a beak with your fingers]**
Two pointed ears **[make ears with your fingers]**
And claws for toes **[wiggle your "claws"]**
He lives way up in the tree **[point way up]**
And when he looks at you **[point out to another person]**
He flaps his wings **[flap your wings]**
And says, "Whooh! Whooh!"

Owl In the Tree
[Tune: "Skip to My Lou"]

Owl in the tree says, who, who, who?
Owl in the tree says, who, who, who?
Owl in the tree says, who, who, who?
Who, who, are you?

Hold "O" hands in front of your eyes. Twist your hands inward. Repeat.



Fly, Fly, Fly Along [action rhyme]
[Tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"]

[extend your arms out like wings as you recite the rhyme]

Fly, fly, fly along
Fly along with me.
Faster, faster, faster, faster!
I'm flying, come and see.

5 Little Owls [fingerplay]

5 little owls on a dark, dark night.
5 little owls are quite a sight.
5 little owls! Are you keeping score?
1 flies away and that leaves 4!
4 little owls as happy as can be
1 flew away and that leaves 3!
3 little owls calling, "Who, who, who."
1 flies away and that leaves 2!
2 little owls having lots of fun
1 flew away and that leaves 1!
1 little owl and we're almost done,
He flies away and that leaves none!

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

I'm a great big owl, as you can see.
I live high up in a tree.
All the other birds wake me up when they play,
Because I like to sleep in the day.

"Night Owl" by Carly Simon (1972)

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!

"O" Is For 'Owl' Craft

Materials:

- Construction paper (various colors)
- Cheerios (or similarly-shaped cereal)
- Glue
- Scissors



Help your child(ren) cut out shapes from construction paper: they can use ovals, circles, triangles, diamonds -- get creative!

Glue together your owl and finish by gluing Cheerios on torso to mimic the feather patterns real owls display.

This craft helps reinforce the shape and letter knowledge your child(ren) will need when it is time for them to learn to read!

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What are some of the different kinds of owls? Check out an Easy Reader ("ER") non-fiction book and/or research online with your child(ren) to find out!

How many words beginning with "O" can you and your child(ren) come up with?

What other kinds of animals only come out at night? This kind of animal is called **NOCTURNAL**, which is a fun new vocabulary word to introduce to your child(ren).

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