

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!

PANDAS

LETTER OF THE DAY

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BOOKS TO SHARE

Panda Opposites
by Suzi Eszterhas

Bamboo For Me, Bamboo For You!
by Fran Manushkin

I'll Wait, Mr. Panda
by Steve Antony

Zen Socks
by Jon Muth

Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?
by Bill Martin Jr.

Dear Panda
by Miriam Latimer

Chu's Day
by Neil Gaiman

Xander's Panda Party
by Linda Sue Park

How Many Baby Pandas?
(non-fic)
by Sandra Markle

A Panda's World
(non-fic)
by Caroline Arnold

Flo
by Kyle Maclear

Pandamonia
by Chris Owen

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

P-A-N-D-A

[Tune: "B-I-N-G-O"]

There is a bear who eats bamboo.
And Panda is their name-o.
P-A-N-D-A
P-A-N-D-A
P-A-N-D-A
And Panda is their name-o.

Five Hungry Pandas [fingerplay]

Five little pandas eating bamboo,
They chomp, chomp, chomped and they chew,
chew, chewed;
One little panda crawled away,
But four furry pandas decided to stay!

[Verses: count down to "one"]

One little panda eating bamboo,
He chomp, chomp, chomped and he chew,
chew, chewed;
But this little panda decided to play,
So he ran to join the others that day!

ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Bear"



The sign for "bear" is done by crossing your arms over your chest and clawing your chest twice. The sign ends with the fingers in the claw shape.

MORE FUN!

Panda Pokey

[Tune: "Hokey Pokey"]

You put your snout in
You put your snout out
You put your snout in
And you shake it all about
You do the panda pokey and you turn yourself
around,
That's what it's all about.

[Verses: **black ears; white tummy; panda paws; black tail**]

I Am A Panda

[Tune: "You Are My Sunshine"]

I am a panda
A furry panda
I live in China and eat bamboo
It is a thick grass
That grows in my land
And it is not that easy to chew.

Panda Bears

[Tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb"]

Panda bears are black and white,
black and white, black and white,
Panda bears are black and white,
and live in the mountains.
Grizzly bears are big and brown,
Big and brown, big and brown.
Grizzly bears are big and brown,
And live in the woods.
Polar bears are soft and white,
Soft and white, soft and white.
Polar bears are soft and white,
And live in the cold.
Teddy bears are just my size,
Just my size, just my size.
Teddy bears are just my size,
To cuddle with at night.

Panda Bear Playdoh Invitation

Materials:

White playdoh
Black pom-poms
Black buttons, beads, or sequins
Bamboo/leaves/blades of grass
collected from nature



(Or green pipe cleaners and felt leaf shapes!)

Set out an open-ended invitation to play by placing materials on a tray or table for children to explore. They can make a whole family of panda bears!

This activity is an example of PROCESS ART, which focuses on the experience of creating rather than forcing children to use step-by-step directions to achieve a specific end result.

How many other black-and-white animals can you and your child(ren) think of together? What about other types of bears?

Brainstorm a list with your child(ren) of other words that begin with the letter "P."

Sit with your child(ren) to watch videos of real panda bears available online. ***This helps your child make the connection that illustrations in books often represent actual objects/people/animals that exist in real life!***

Talk with your family about the current state of pandas and their natural habitats and investigate some ways to contribute to conservation efforts.

Tip: There are sometimes graphic images in documentaries and on publicity material for world wildlife conservation organizations. Pre-screen material and use your judgment in deciding what your child(ren) is ready for.

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