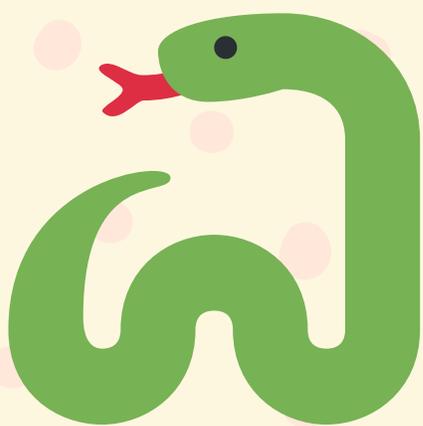


Dear Caregivers:

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!



SNAKES

LETTER OF THE DAY

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BOOKS TO SHARE

Where Are You?
by Sarah Williamson

*One Day In The Eucalyptus,
Eucalyptus Tree*
by Daniel Bernstrom

Slithery Jake
by Rose-Marie Provencher

Hide and Snake
by Keith Baker

Mouse Count
by Ellen Stoll Walsh

Verdi
by Janell Cannon

Can I Play Too?
by Mo Willems

*Opposnakes: A Lift-The-Flap
Book About Opposites*
by Salina Yoon

The Greedy Python
by Richard Buckley

Small Green Snake
by Libba Moore Gray

Snakes On A Train
by Kathryn Dennis

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

All The Snakes [Tune: "London Bridges"]

All the snakes are slithering,
Slithering, slithering.
All the snakes are slithering,
All along the grass.
All the snakes make a hiss,
Make a hiss, make a hiss.
All the snakes make a hiss,
And smile at the sun.
Snakes smell with their tongues,
With their tongues, with their tongues.
Snakes smell with their tongues,
And they can smell you!

I Am A Snake [action rhyme]

I have no legs. I have no arms. **[arms down close to body]**
And I can take off my skin. **[pretend to pull off skin]**
I can wiggle my tongue like this **[wiggle tongue]**
And I'm very, very thin.
I can open my mouth so wide **[open mouth]**
And I eat my dinner whole. **[rub tummy]**
I can curl up nice and tight, **[squat down low]**
Or stretch out like a pole. **[stretch up tall]**

"Slithering, Sliding Snake" by Nursery Rhymes 1,2, 3 (2019)

ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Snake"



Form your hand into a "bent V" handshape. "Slither" your hand forward a few inches similar to the way a snake slithers on the ground.

S-N-A-K-E

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

I have a snake,
She is so fast,
as fast as snakes can be!
S-N-A-K-E,
S-N-A-K-E,
S-N-A-K-E, she is my favorite snake!
I have a snake,
She is so green,
as green as snakes can be!
S-N-A-K-E,
S-N-A-K-E,
S-N-A-K-E, she is my favorite snake!

I'm A Little Snake

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

I'm a little snake,
My oh my.
My skin has scales,
It's nice and dry.
You may think I'm slimy,
What? Not me!
I'm a reptile, yes siree!

S Is For Snake

S is for snake
Who slithers along
"Ssssss" says the snake,
as she sings her song.

MORE FUN!

Pattern Snakes

Options for materials:

Colored construction paper
Pipe cleaners
Pony beads
Scissors
Tape

Making their own slithery snakes is a perfect opportunity for your child(ren) to practice their patterning skills through color.

They can either use a pipe cleaner (fold over one end so beads don't fall off while stringing) and pony beads or cut strips of two (or more) colors from construction paper to make into a paper chain snake.

Start with a basic pattern ("ABAB") and, if your child is older and/or feels comfortable with more complex patterns, they can move on to ones like "ABCABC."



Do some research with your child(ren) to find out some facts about snakes. What types of snakes are poisonous? What is the smallest type of snake? The longest? **Use reliable online sources like National Geographic or Encyclopedia Britannica and/or check out one of our easy-reader ("ER") non-fiction books.**

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

Can you and your child(ren) move like snakes? What other animals can you imitate with your bodies? **This is a great way to exercise your child(ren)'s gross motor (large muscle) skills.**

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