

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!

STARS

LETTER OF THE DAY

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ASL SIGN OF THE DAY "Stars"



Extend both pointer fingers and tuck the rest of the fingers into the palms. Place the pointers next to one another up near your head and to one side. Brush them back and forth as you guide your hands from one side to the other.

The sign looks like twinkling stars!

BOOKS TO SHARE

Stars
by Marla Frazee

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
as told by Jane Cabrera

First Star: A Bear and Mole Story
by Will Hillenbrand

Star in the Jar
by Sam Hay

Shine!
by Patrick McDonnell

Touch The Brightest Star
by Christie Matheson

Olivia Wishes On a Star
by Tina Gallo

How Is A Firework Made?
by Grace Hansen

Night's Nice
by Ed Emberley

How to Catch a Star
by Oliver Jeffers

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

"Catch a Falling Star" Action Rhyme

Catch a falling star [reach up high with your star]
And put it in your pocket; [bring it down to your pocket – hands on thighs]
Never let it fade away. [shake finger "no"]
Catch a falling star [reach up high with your star]
And put it in your pocket; [bring it down to your pocket – hands on thighs]
Save it for a rainy day. [hold star to chest with both hands]

Four Little Stars [fingerplay]

Four little stars winking at me.
One shot off and then there were three!
Three little stars with nothing to do.
One shot off, and then there were two!
Two little stars afraid of the sun.
One shot off, and then there was one!
One little star alone is no fun.
It shot off, and then there was none!

Fireworks Go . . . [action rhyme]

snap, snap, snap [snap fingers]
crack, crack, crack [slap knees]
zap, zap, zap [make flashing motions with hands]
Fireworks make me
clap, clap, clap [clap hands]
when I see them in the sky!

MORE FUN!

Bend and Stretch [movement rhyme]

Bend and stretch
Reach for the stars!
There goes Jupiter -
Here comes Mars!
Bend and stretch
Reach for the sky!
Stand on tippy toes
Oh, so high!

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!

Five Little Firecrackers [fingerplay]

Five little firecrackers getting ready to zoom
[five fingers up]
Sizzle, sizzle, sizzle, sizzle, sizzle *[build anticipation by sizzling hands low to high]*
BOOM! *[clap hands high above head]*
4, 3, 2, 1.....

"Firework" by Katy Perry (2010)

Starlit Night Cup Craft

Supplies:
Foam cup
Small glow stick or battery-powered tea light
Black paint or markers
Toothpick
Star stickers (optional)



First, paint your cup with black paint (or color with black markers). To minimize mess, you can put the cup on your hand while painting or down on a paper towel.

Let paint dry (you may need to add more than one coat to make the 'sky' dark enough).

Use toothpick to poke holes in the cup. You can also add star stickers so that the 'sky' is full of stars even when the lights are on. These both are great fine-motor exercises for your child(ren)!

Put tea light or glow stick under/inside the cup and turn out the lights to watch the 'sky' come alive with stars!

Brainstorm a list of words that begin with the letter "S."

Check out a non-fiction book on space/constellations and/or one on fireworks. Being able to see real pictures of an object helps children build a context for understanding.

Head outside with your child for some star-gazing! If you can't see much, try watching a video of the night sky at home with all the lights off.

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