

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!

BIRTHDAYS

LETTER OF THE DAY

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BOOKS TO SHARE

A Birthday For Cow!
by Jan Thomas

Bears And A Birthday
by Shirley Parenteau

When's My Birthday?
by Julie Fogliano

I Hate Everyone
by Naomi Danis

Spot Bakes a Cake
by Eric Hill

Bulldozer's Big Day
by Candace Fleming

Delivery
by Aaron Meshon

Celebrate With Zaza
by Mylo Freeman

It's My Birthday
by Liesbet Slegers

Don't Wake Up The Tiger
by Britta Teckentrup

Happy Birthday, Batman
by Benjamin Bird

Henry's First-Moon Birthday
by Lenore Look

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

A Reason To Celebrate
[Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"]

Happy birthday, it's my day,
Hope it's great in every way.
You will help me celebrate
'Cause I think you're really great!
Happy Birthday, it's my day,
Hope it's great in every way!

Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah (modified version)

Zip-a-dee-doo-dah,
zippity ay,
my oh my what a wonderful day,
plenty of sunshine comin' my way,
Zip-a-dee-doo-dah,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Everyone's Birthday [action rhyme]

Today is everyone's birthday,
Let's make us a cake [**form cake with hands**]
Mix and stir, stir and mix [**stir**]
Then into the oven to bake [**push hands out**]
Here's our cake so nice and round [**make a circle**]
We frost it pink and white [**spread frosting**]
We put five candles on it [**hold up hand**]
To make a birthday bright!

ASL SIGN OF THE DAY
"Birthday"



*Note: There are over a dozen ASL variants for how to sign 'birthday.' This is one of the simplest and commonly used versions.

Touch the tip of your middle finger to your chin, then touch it to your heart.

Five Candles [fingerplay]

[Count down on fingers as you recite the rhyme]

Five candles on a birthday cake,
Five, and not one more.
You may blow one candle out,
And that leaves four!

Four candles on a birthday cake,
Four, there for all to see.
You may blow one candle out,
And that leaves three!

Three candles on a birthday cake,
Three, standing straight and true.
You may blow one candle out,
And that leaves two!

Two candles on a birthday cake,
Two, helping us have fun.
You may blow one candle out,
And that leaves one!

One candle on a birthday cake,
One, our birthday's almost done.
You may blow the candle out,
And that leaves none!

Five Pretty Presents [fingerplay]

[Count down on fingers as you recite the rhyme]

Five pretty presents with bows on top,
Sitting on a shelf in the big toy shop!
Along comes a friend with a dollar to pay,
They buy a present
'cuz it's **[name of child]**'s birthday!

"Celebration" by Kool & The Gang, (1980)

MORE FUN!

Playdoh Cupcakes

Materials:

- Playdoh (various colors and/or realistic colors mimicking chocolate and vanilla batter)
- Cupcake liners (disposable paper or reusable silicone muffin cups)
- Decorations (pony beads, sequins, buttons, birthday candles, etc.)



Set out an open-ended invitation to play by placing materials on a tray or table for children to explore.

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.

Your child(ren) are naturally more interested in learning when it relates directly to themselves. Talk with your child(ren) about their birthday using the language of time.

Examples:

- "Your birthday is in the MONTH of March."
- "Your birthday is during SPRING."
- "The DATE of your birthday is MARCH 11th."
- "This year, your birthday is on a TUESDAY."
- "LAST year, you were two. THIS year, you are three."

This is a fun way to practice concepts of time and time measurement with your child(ren).

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