


# Re-energizing Your Preschool Storytime: New Ideas for Busy Children's Staff

**RE-ENERGIZING YOUR PRESCHOOL STORYTIME:  
NEW IDEAS FOR BUSY CHILDREN'S STAFF**

An  Webinar

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**AGENDA**

- Introduction
- Books
- Puppets
- Flannel Boards
- Music and Fingerplays

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**EARLY LITERACY**

Early literacy is what children learn about reading and writing before they actually learn to read and write.

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## EARLY LITERACY SKILLS

- ◉ Print Motivation
- ◉ Phonological Awareness
- ◉ Print Awareness
- ◉ Vocabulary Skills
- ◉ Narrative Skills
- ◉ Letter Knowledge

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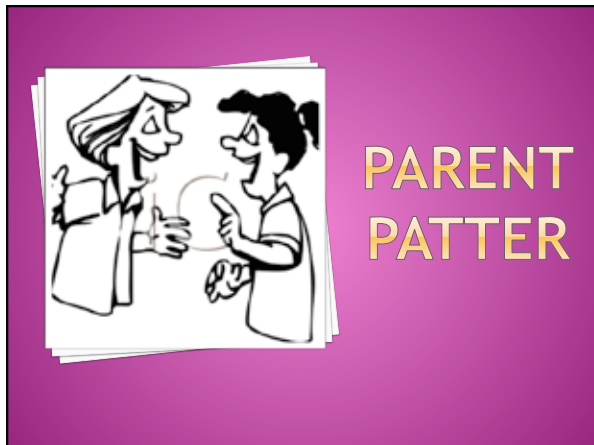
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## REENERGE YOUR STORYTIME

- ◉ Choose books kids can relate to.
- ◉ Reread books. Kids love predictability.
- ◉ Choose developmentally appropriate activities.
- ◉ Include rhyme and rhythm.
- ◉ Be interactive!

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**STAY AND PLAY**  
Bubbles  
Playdough  
Parachute  
Obstacle Course

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**PRESCHOOL BOOK SELECTION**

- Tell stories.
- Make them laugh.
- Simple text
- About kids that are like them.
- Are about going to school and making friends.
- Have playful or rhyming language.
- Are about real world. (trucks, dinosaurs, insects)
- Explore the alphabet, counting and new vocabulary.

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**2 GREAT READ-ALOUDS**

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ELLA SARAH GETS DRESSED



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WHAT CRIED GRANNY



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2 FUN  
PARTICIPATION  
STORIES

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CAN YOU MAKE A SCARY FACE



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DINOSAUR ROAR



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PUPPET  
SHOW FUN

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## PUPPET SHOW TIPS

- Your beginning reader can read books to a puppet.
- Your children can retell books by writing a script and using puppets.
- You can make a read aloud more engaging with a puppet.
- Your children can teach the puppet.

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## BIG BEAR HUG



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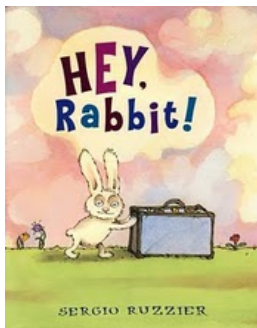
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## HEY RABBIT



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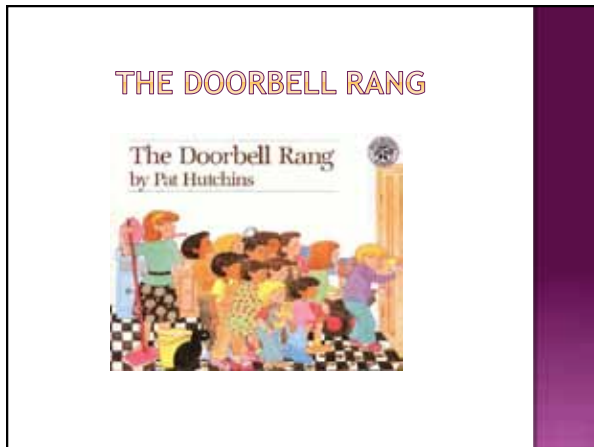
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## EIGHT BALLONS



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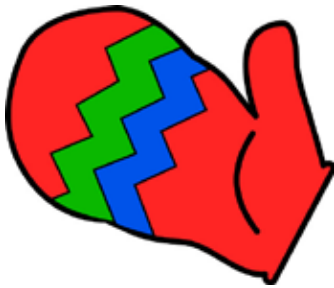
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## KITTEN'S LOST MITTEN



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## MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

- ◉ Sing with others
- ◉ Respond rhythmically to music through creative movement and instrumental expression
- ◉ Play simple instruments that do not require fine motor skills
- ◉ Develop attentive listening skills

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## ARE YOU READY FOR A GOOD TIME



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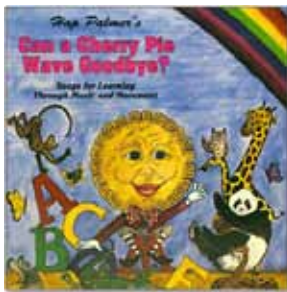
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## WEEKLY RAP



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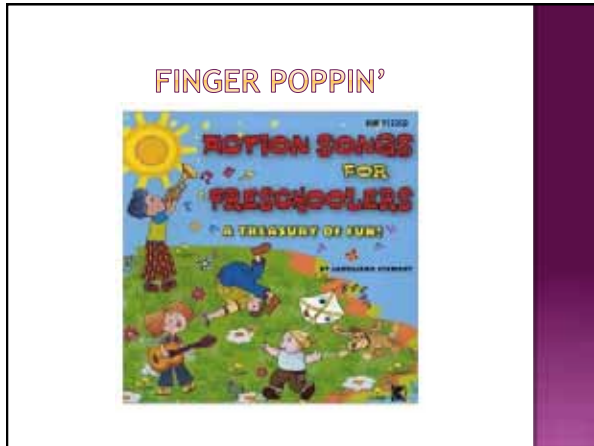
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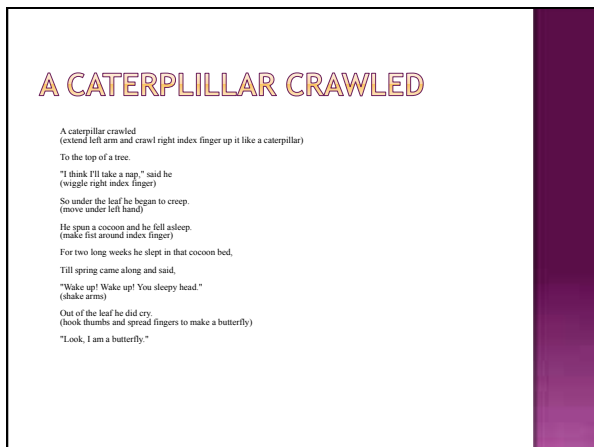
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## BANANAS

Bananas are my favorite fruit  
(pretend to hold banana)

I eat one every day  
(hold up one finger)

I always take one with me  
(act as if putting one in pocket)

When I go out to play  
(wave goodbye)

It gives me lots of energy  
(make muscle)

To jump around and run  
(move arms as if running)

Bananas are my favorite fruit  
(rub tummy)

To me they're so much fun!  
(point to self and smile)

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## BLOW, WIND, BLOW!

Blow, wind, blow  
(move arms back and forth)

All through the town

Blow wind blow  
(move arms around)

Up and down  
(move arms up and down)

Blow, wind, blow  
From the left to the right,  
(move arms left to right)

Blow, wind, blow  
All through the night.  
(slowly lower arms)

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## SCARY EYES

See my big and scary eyes  
(circle thumbs and index fingers around eyes)

Look out now

A big surprise---Boo!  
(pull away hands and shout Boo!)

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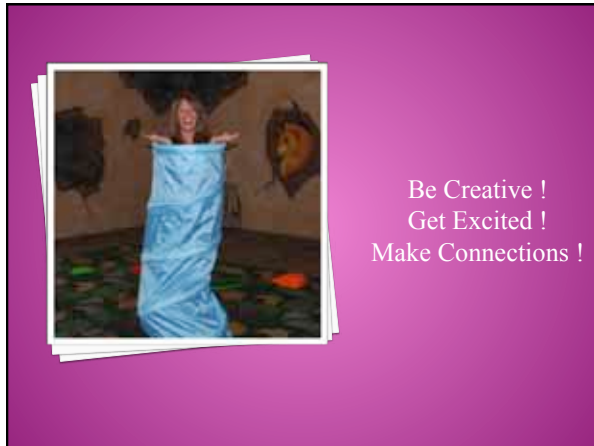
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**Q&A**

- If you have further questions to ask please use our remaining time.
- If you think of a question after we're finished today, feel free to send me an email.

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**CLAP! SHAKE! PLAY! SING!  
CREATING MUSICAL STORYTIMES TO  
ENCOURAGE EMERGENT LITERACY**

- ◉ Coming in February 2011: an Infopeople on-ground workshop
- ◉ <http://www.infopeople.org/>

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Thank You!

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