BABIES

READ

In English

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? (1996) by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle. A rhyming, sing-song classic found in most picture book collections.

Chomp Goes the Alligator (2018) by Matthew Van Fleet (or any book by Matthew Van Fleet). Big, playful counting book with touchable textures and a grand finale pop-up. Good for toddlers as well.

From Head to Toe (1999) by Eric Carle. In this storytime classic, giraffes, monkeys, and donkeys all have special dance moves for babies and toddlers to copy.

Head to Toes, You Are Yummy! (2015) by Tim Harrington. Babies and toddlers will love to dance along with tigers, pandas, and giraffes in this interactive picture book sure to be a storytime hit. Comes with a free song: https://bit.ly/3fEDDMC

Hoot Hoot Pop-Up Fun (2018) by Nicola Edwards and Kaisa Nowowiejska. Wild forest animals pop off pages.

That's Not My Lion (2019) by Fiona Watt. Bright, textured pictures help to develop sensory and language awareness.

Bilingual/Spanish

Canta, rana, canta/Sing, Froggie, Sing (2013) by Carolyn Dee Flores. Traditional Spanish folksong. Cumulative text encourages memorization in both languages. Musical annotation included. (Bilingual)

Oso panda, oso panda, ¿qué ves ahi? (2018) by Bill Martin Jr., Eric Carle, and Teresa Mlawer. (Spanish; also available in English)

Oso polar, oso polar, ¿qué es ese ruido? (2018) by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle. (Spanish; also available in English)

EARLY LITERACY TIP:

It is never too early to introduce babies to print. Board books have heavy, sturdy, laminated pages perfect for little hands and mouths. It is normal for babies and toddlers explore their world by putting things into their mouths.

EARLY LITERACY TIP:

Tell caregivers to encourage baby babble by talking and reading to their babies. They are learning the tones and patterns of your language. See Chapter 03: Babies for a caregiver take-home on talking to babies.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME TIP:

Remember to focus on families. Consider creating a visual schedule by putting storytime cards in a pocket chart (read, sing, fingerplay, play, etc.) to orient Spanish-speaking caregivers to storytime sequence. Pocket charts are also good for non-neurotypical preschoolers who like to know what is coming.

SING

Rhyme: Brown Bear, Brown Bear

Read *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* and/or *Oso polar, oso polar, ¿qué es ese ruido?* as an interactive chant. Caregivers chant each line after you, bouncing their babies while they repeat the question.

Movement: Wiggle Waggle Went the Bear

Original song by Dennis Lee. Caregivers hold babies' legs in each hand and move them in time with the song.
See video from Jbrary here: https://bit.ly/3fMOQei

Wiggle, waggle went the bear
Catching bees in his underwear
One bee out, one bee in
One bee bit him on his big bearskin!
Bzzzzz!

Bounce: A Hippopotamus Got on a City Bus

A great lap bounce song. See video from Jbrary here: https://bit.ly/35VzglD

A hip, a hip, a hippopotamus
Got on, got on, got on a city bus
And all, and all, and all the people said,
"You're squishing us!"   (hug baby)
A sheep, a sheep, a sheep got on a city bus
and all, and all, and all the people said,
"Baaaack up!"
A cow, a cow, a cow got on a bus
And all, and all, and all the people said,
"Mooooove over!"   (lean baby to the side)

English/Spanish:

bear = el oso

STORYTIME TIP:

Encourage caregivers to turn babies towards them so babies can watch their mouths form the words as they sing. Squish, dip, and tilt babies along with the songs.

Bounce: El Hipopótamo en el Autobús

Same tune as above.

El hip, el hip, el hipopótamo
Subió, subió, subió al autobús
Y todos, y todos, y todos dijeron:
"Hipopotamo, estamos muy apretados aqui!"   (hug baby)

La ove, la ove la ovejita
Subió, subió, subió al autobús
Y todos y todos y todos dijeron:
Vaaa, vaaamonos para atras!

La va, la va, la vaquita
Subió, subió, subio al autobus
Y todos, y todo, y todos dijeron
"Muuuuuevete para adentro!"   (lean baby to side)

Song: Cucu-Tras

This is an adaptation of the chorus from Nene León's Cucu-Tras into fun peek-a-boo activity. You will need a box, a picture of a tree, and a flower. You will also need animal puppets (a lion, a turtle, and a bird for the version below). Ask each animal where they are (they are always behind the flower). Easy to modify for any animal. Sample or purchase the original song here: https://amzn.to/2LlPGjQ

Cucu-tras, cucu-tras
Nene león, dondé estás?
Cucu-tras, cucu-tras
Nene león dondé estás?
Dentro del cubo (o caja)?
Subido al árbol?
Detras de la flor!
         Verses:
Cucu-tras, cucu-tras
Nena tortuga, dondé estás?...
Cucu-tras, cucu-tras
Pio pio, dondé estás?...

Spanish/English:
el león = lion

PLAY / TAKE HOME

Parachute Animal Peek-a-Boo

Lay (or sit) babies under the parachute with caregivers along the outer edge. As a group, caregivers look for their babies underneath. "Now we're looking for our baby bears. Grrrr!" Caregivers lift the parachute all at once, or just peel back the edge to reveal their own baby.

Animal Texture Safari

Put up pictures of different animals alongside textured fabric (or other items, such as sandpaper, cotton balls, etc.). Caregivers walk their babies around the room to touch and talk about the animals. You can also use the printable below: Enlarge the animals and textures, and outline the textures with school glue before the program.

Hidden Animal Safari

Hide stuffed animals around the room for babies to find. Alternatively, maintain the storytime circle by hiding animals in bins decorated as hiding places (e.g., covered with sliced construction paper for "grass"). Open as a group or slide the bins around for caregivers/babies to find and touch the animals inside.
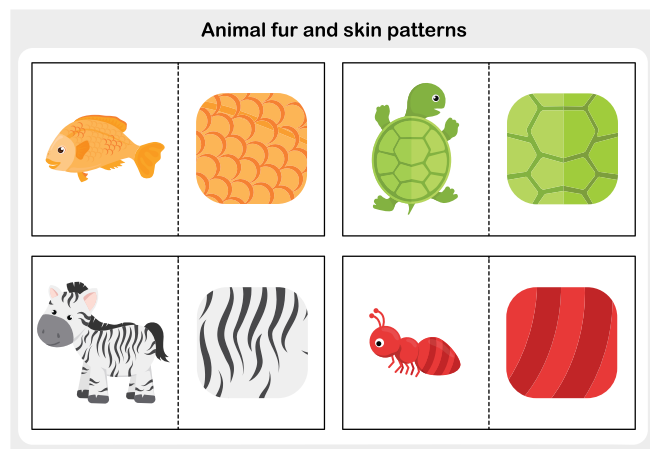
Peek-a-Boo Bear Masks

Provide caregivers with the Bear Peek-a-Boo Mask template as a take-home. You could also make these masks and add popsicle stick handles before the program: Pass them out to caregivers and play peek-a-boo as a group.

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PRINTABLE

Bilingual Animal Sounds

RESIZABLE DOWNLOADS
(SEE ONLINE MANUAL OR USB)

Animal Fur and Skin Patterns

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