

# BABY BOOKWORMS

AGES 0-2

Get started on early learning activities with fun ideas for talking, singing, reading and playing with your little one. Complete 15 activities listed below to earn prizes! Redeem prizes from July 1-29.

## SING

- \_\_\_ Sing "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" and use hand motions to match the lyrics.
- \_\_\_ Play some fun children's music and have a family dance party.
- \_\_\_ Make up a song about something you do often, like picking up toys or changing a diaper.
- \_\_\_ Sing "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and clap along with the rhythm.
- \_\_\_ Make musical instruments from things around the house and sing songs while playing them.

## TALK

- \_\_\_ When you read a book to your child, talk about the different parts of the book: the cover, the spine, the author, the illustrator, the pages and the correct way to hold a book.
- \_\_\_ When driving in the car, talk about the shapes and colors of different road signs and what they mean.
- \_\_\_ Play with stuffed animals and practice the different sounds animals make.
- \_\_\_ Share your favorite childhood memory with your child.
- \_\_\_ Bake cookies and discuss each step of the recipe as you do it.

## READ

- \_\_\_ Read a classic nursery rhyme with your child.
- \_\_\_ Read a book about your favorite animal.
- \_\_\_ Read a wordless picture book, telling the story with the pictures. Encourage your child to do the same.
- \_\_\_ Read a rhyming book with your child.
- \_\_\_ When reading a book with a repeated phrase, follow the words with your finger each time it occurs.

## WRITE

- \_\_\_ Paint a fence or driveway with old paintbrushes and water.
- \_\_\_ Use shaving cream or pudding on a baking sheet to draw shapes.
- \_\_\_ Get out a box of crayons and draw a picture together.
- \_\_\_ Draw a picture of a house and label the different parts: roof, walls, window, etc.
- \_\_\_ Talk to your child about what you are doing when you make a grocery list or write a letter to a friend so they understand that print has a meaning.

## PLAY

- \_\_\_ Make a puzzle for your child to complete by cutting the front of a box of their favorite cereal or snack into 5-10 pieces.
- \_\_\_ Look up fun fingerplays and do one with your child. An all-time favorite is "Open, Shut Them."
- \_\_\_ Take a sensory walk together. Talk about what you see, hear, feel and smell.
- \_\_\_ Play peek-a-boo or hide-and-seek with your child.
- \_\_\_ Enjoy water play with a big bowl or tub of water and measuring cups and spoons.

NOTE: The Evergreen Branch Library is not distributing prizes this summer.