

Did you know...



Summertime is a great time to keep reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing with your young child so they can continue building early literacy skills.

Take time to go to the park and bring books with you for an outdoor storytime. Make reading bedtime stories a family tradition and sing songs as you take walks around your neighborhood. Play games with your child so they learn to follow directions and take turns. Talk to your child during routines like grocery shopping and bath time.

Visit your local public library to borrow some books, music CDs, and more. Most libraries offer storytimes and provide a place to meet other parents and let your child play. Be sure to sign up for summer reading, where prizes can be earned for reading to your child. Library programs are free!

This year's theme is:



Here's how...

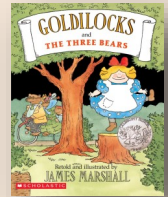


- ❖ Choose a quiet spot for you and your child to read aloud 15 – 20 minutes each day.
- ❖ Keep books in your purse and in the car. When you have wait time in an office or while you are driving, books can keep your child interested and engaged.
- ❖ Get your child (or family) a library card at your local public library. It's free for most people. Some libraries offer free summer cards for those who live out of the taxing district.
- ❖ Let your child pick out books they enjoy, even if you have to read the same books over and over. When children choose books they enjoy, they love to learn reading and become better readers when they start school.

Read



Goldilocks and the Three Bears, retold and illustrated by James Marshall



Goldilocks and the Three Bears is a classic American folk tale about a little girl who visits the home of a bear family while they are out. James Marshall's retelling of the classic tale adds humor to the story and pictures, and will surely be a favorite "just right" read-aloud to share with your child over and over.

If your child enjoyed this tale, look for some of the author's other picture books:



Choosing Books



"Imagine Your Story" this summer:

- The Gingerbread Man*, by Jim Aylesworth
- The Ugly Duckling*, by Sebastien Braun
- Harold and the Purple Crayon*, by Crockett Johnson
- Chicken Little*, by Rebecca Emberley
- Where the Wild Things Are*, by Maurice Sendak
- The House That Jack Built*, by J.P. Miller

Talk



Storytelling is an art that you can practice with your child. In some countries people pass stories down from generation to generation by telling them instead of writing them. Have your child tell you a story about something that has happened to them. Encourage them to add details to the story by asking open-ended questions at the end of the story — who, what, when, where, why.

Write



This will develop the little finger muscles needed in order to write: Help your child gather some green leaves. Find a tiny straight twig and let your child poke one hole in each leaf. Tie a piece of string or thread tightly to one end of the twig, and help your child thread the leaves to make a leaf necklace.



Play



Goldilocks, Goldilocks

(Do the actions for each verse)

Goldilocks, Goldilocks, turn around.

Goldilocks, Goldilocks, touch the ground.

Goldilocks, Goldilocks, knock on the door.

(knock with hand)

Goldilocks, Goldilocks, eat some porridge.

(pretend to eat porridge)

Goldilocks, Goldilocks, have a seat.

Goldilocks, Goldilocks, go to sleep.

(put head on folded hands)

Goldilocks, Goldilocks, run, run, run!

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Sing



She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain

She'll be comin' 'round the mountain when she comes.

She'll be comin' 'round the mountain when she comes.

She'll be comin' 'round the mountain,
She'll be comin' 'round the mountain,
She'll be comin' 'round the mountain when she comes.

Repeat with:

She'll be driving six white horses when she comes...

Oh, we'll all go out to greet her when she comes...

We'll all have a great big party when she comes...

Hear song at:

www.bussongs.com/songs/shell-be-comin-round-the-mountain



At your library...



Be sure to check your library's website and/or Facebook page for special summer activities in the library and out in the community!