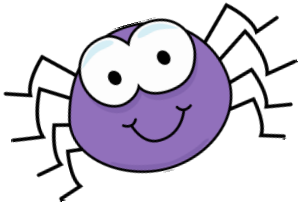


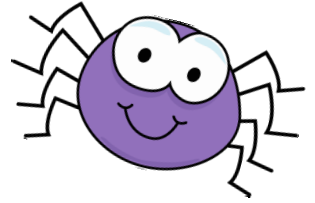


# ITSY BITSY SUMMER READING CLUB

FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS AGES BIRTH TO 36 MOS  
AND THEIR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS



## Skills & Activities



5 Literacy Activities to Get Your  
Child Ready to Read

### WRITE

As they scribble and draw, children develop the fine motor skills they need to hold a pencil or crayon and write letters and words. Provide many opportunities to draw and write. Talk to your children about what they draw and write captions or stories together.

### SING

Songs help children develop listening skills and pay attention to the rhythms and rhymes of spoken language. Singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words. Don't worry about hitting the right notes - yours is the voice they love.

### PLAY

Some of the best kinds of play are unstructured, when children can use their imagination and create stories that develop important narrative skills. Ask your child to "read" a book you've read together many times and tell you a story. This develops language skills.

### TALK

Make sure your child has lots of opportunities to talk with you, not just listen to you talk. Stretch your child's vocabulary by repeating what your child says and by using new words. Respond to what your child says and extend the conversation.

### READ

Reading together increases vocabulary & general knowledge. Children who enjoy being read to develop and interest in reading & want to learn to read themselves. A child's interest in reading is an important predictor of later success.



Help Itsy Bitsy Spider climb up the water spout by completing the activities, coloring in each space along the way. Once you reach the top, celebrate by singing the "Itsy Bitsy Spider" song. Then bring your game board to the Library between August 15<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> to collect a prize.

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## Itsy Bitsy Play Time Suggestions

- Make up a song about everyday activities to sing with your child like, "Now it's time for getting dressed..." to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."
- Spread out on a blanket or towel (inside or outside) and pretend to have a picnic or a day at the beach. Talk about what you would need and like to take.
- Use empty boxes as building blocks and let your child play by stacking them and then knocking the stack over. Use phrases like "all fall down" to describe what's happening.
- Supply your child with plastic cups and containers in the bathtub. Let the child fill and empty them - and don't be afraid to play too!
- Give your child a chance to experience new sensations - bare feet in the grass, playing with sand, "painting" with water on the sidewalk, crumbling paper to use as a ball.

