



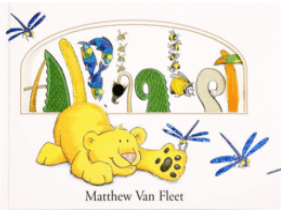
Stories from the Sandbox



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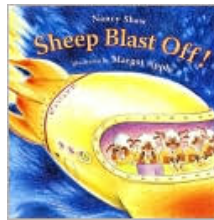
Explore Early Literacy Skills* With These New Books

Parents! Guardians! Caregivers! Here are two wonderful books that can help you teach Early Literacy Skills* to



your children. Alphabet by Matthew Van Fleet is a great book to use for Letter Knowledge. The pictures, lift-flaps, and

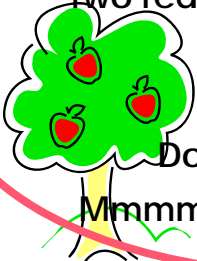
moving pieces will keep children focused.



Sheep Blast Off by Nancy Shaw is a great book for teaching Phonological Awareness. It has a splendid rhyming text, and the hilarious pictures and "out-of-this-world" theme will keep children of all ages engaged.

Sharing rhymes with your child will help improve his/her learning skills!

Way up high in an apple tree.
Two red apples smiled at me.
I shook that tree
as hard as I could.
Down came the apples!
Mmmmmm they were good!



H is for HAIR and H is for HAND
(point to hair and then hand)

H is for HEELS on which we stand
(stand back on heels)

H is for HOUSES here and there
(point to left and then to right)

H is for HATS seen everywhere,
(stand hands on top of head)

H is for HEARTS and HORSES too
(touch chest, then gallop in place)

H makes me HAPPY, how about you?
(point to others)



Rhyming words

As you are driving around, play with words that rhyme:

- Say a word and ask your child to say another that rhymes (bike/Mike)
- Let your child make up words to rhyme with real words (tike/bike)
- Put different sounds at the beginning of your child's name to make words that rhyme with it (Sam/ram; Lee/tea)
- Creating non-sense words by placing each letter of the alphabet in front of a rhyming end (-at: bat, cat, **dat**, fat, **gat**, etc.)


**More "On the Go" activities can be found at www.wlearning.com/PDF/OTG.pdf.

*The six early literacy skills include: print awareness, print motivation, phonological awareness, vocabulary, narrative skills, and letter knowledge

In the Jungle...

DEFIANCE—“Storytime” and “Read, Rhyme, & Romp” with foundations in early literacy for children & their parents begins at the **Defiance Public Library!** Storytime for 3,4, 5, & K begins September 29 at 6:30 p.m. and RRR for 0-3 years starts October 2 at 10:30 a.m. The theme for this fall is “In The Jungle.” We will read books and sing songs about hippos, monkeys, tigers, & more. During the programs, we will discuss things you can do at home every day to strengthen your child’s early literacy skills—the skills

necessary to help your child’s cognitive development during the first six years of his/her life.

Look for this symbol  to find out more about our Early Literacy programs!

All Early Literacy programs are free, so simply register the week before each 5 week session! For more information on the upcoming sessions, please call the Defiance Public Library at 419-782-1456 or e-mail tiptonre@oplin.org.



HICKSVILLE—Come monkey around with **Curious George** at the **Johnson Memorial Library** on September 16 at 6:30 p.m. or September 17 at 10:00 a.m. The Story Times will center

around a very curious monkey and a man in a yellow hat. We’ll be practicing our letters C, G & the color yellow.

Explore **Marvelous Mammals** that begin with the letter M including moose, mice, monkeys, manatees, & mountain lions at our Fall Story Times. They will run on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. & Wednesday

mornings at 10:00 a.m. from September 30-October 29. And obviously, we’ll be practicing the letter M, too!

All of the Story Times are free & are open to children three and over. The programs will include stories, activities, movies, sing-alongs & crafts.

If you would like any additional information about the story times or would like a complete schedule of programs, please call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or e-mail murphyam@oplin.org.



SHERWOOD—Discover the **Sherwood Library** this fall with “L is for Library!” **This story time program is offered at no cost for all children ages 3 and over.** The sessions are on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 beginning Sept 23 and ending October 28. The programs will include such themes as “An Apple a Day”, “Mother Goose Rhyme Time” and “Count 1, 2, 3 Go!” There will be stories, activities, crafts,

music and songs! At each event, we will be working on early literacy skills and introducing your child to the wonderful world of books. *Children who enjoy books will want to learn how to read.*

For any additional information you may need please call the Sherwood Library at 419-899-4343 or e-mail hullca@oplin.org.



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