

STORYTIME AT HOME

Pets

You and your child can enjoy storytime at home. It's easy and fun and it helps young children practice skills that will get them ready to learn to read.



Read and Talk

Go to Hoopla to read some books about pets. Need a library card? [Apply for one here!](#)

- [The Babies and Doggies Book](#) by John Schindel
- [Blue Cat](#) by Charlie Eve Ryan
- [Goodnight, Good Dog](#) by Mary Lyn Ray
- [You Are My Baby](#) by Lorena Siminovich
- [This Little Pup](#) by Laura J. Bryant



It doesn't matter whether you read the whole book (or part of it) or just look at it and talk about the pictures. Enjoy this special time with your little one in your lap!

Sing and Dance

Singing helps break down words into syllables and dancing helps children with coordination. Don't worry about your singing voice or the tune--your child loves to hear your voice!

Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O!
And on that farm he had some chickens, E-I-E-I-O!
With a cluck-cluck here and a cluck-cluck there
Here a cluck, there a cluck, everywhere a cluck-cluck
Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O!

Add your favorite animals: dogs (woof woof), cats (meow), ducks (quack quack), etc.

Old MacDonald also had a band. Get out some kitchen utensils and [play along](#) with Skokie music therapists from Molloy Educational Center

Try a Bouncy Rhyme: Humpty Dumpty

As your baby grows and is constantly on the move, crawling and then walking, bouncy rhymes are a great way to make sure you get some cuddles.

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

Try this [active variation by intelligance](#).

Play and Write

Don't put those spoons, scoops, ladles, or tongs away yet. Let your child explore, play, and experiment! It's so much fun and it's a great way to develop the fine motor skills they will later need to hold a crayon or pencil.

Peekaboo!

Use a scarf or a towel to [play peekaboo](#).

Children all around the world grow up enjoying a fun game of peekaboo. Have you ever wondered [why is this such a universal game?](#)

