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On the Road to Reading

Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Indianapolis Public Library



Reading, Playing, Writing, Singing, & Talking

5 things that build early reading skills

Hello parents!

My name is Stefany, and I work for the Indianapolis Public Library. I will visit your child's child care provider monthly until May. I will sing songs, read stories, and do activities with the children to promote early literacy skills. Each time I visit, I will leave a paper like this. I encourage you to try these at home with your kids!

I'm looking forward to a great year!
Ms. Stefany

• Activities •

Today, we did some of these cat-themed activities.



Five Little Kittens

Five little kittens jumping on the bed.
One fell off and bumped her head.

Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,
"NO MORE KITTENS JUMPING ON THE BED!"
(Continue on with 4, 3, 2, and 1)

Try these at home!

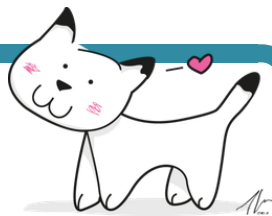


• Books •

Today, we read cat-themed books like these (you can check these out from the library):

- Cat Nap by Toni Yuly
- Cat's Colors by Jane Cabrera
- Chicken and Cat by Sara Varon
- Come Along, Kitten by Joanne Ryder
- I Love Cats by Barney Saltzberg
- Kitten for a Day by Ezra Jack Keats
- Kitty's Cuddles by Jane Cabrera

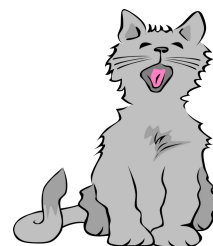
I Know a Cat
*Sung to BINGO



I know a cat with perky ears,
And Kitty is her name-o.
K-I-T-T-Y, K-I-T-T-Y, K-I-T-T-Y,
And Kitty is her name-o.
She makes a sound and it's "meow,"
And Kitty is her name-o.
K-I-T-T-Y, K-I-T-T-Y, K-I-T-T-Y,
And Kitty is her name-o.

My Cat Says Meow
*Sung to "The Farmer in the Dell"

My cat says, "Meow,"
My cat says, "Meow,"
She likes to purr
And run and play.
My cat says, "Meow."



Literacy Tip

While reading with your child, ask questions about the pictures that require more than a yes or no answer. For example, "What do you think is happening in this picture?" or "How do you think the girl feels?"

• The Cat Stretch •

1. Little kitties sit on hands and knees
2. Little kitties reach their paws for the trees
3. Little kitties curl and hug their knees

