



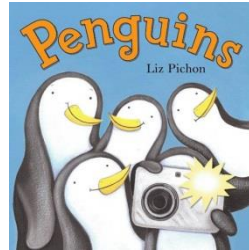
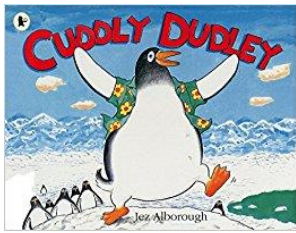
Portland Library

Take-Home Sheet: Penguins!

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READING:

Reading together is the single most important way to help children get ready to read.



Other Titles You Might Enjoy:

- *I Am Small* by Emma Dodd
- *Tacky the Penguin* by Helen Lester
- *Little Penguin Gets the Hiccups* by Tadgh Bentley
- *Playful Little Penguins* by Tony Mitton

SINGING:

Singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words.

If you're a penguin and you know it, flap your wings
If you're a penguin and you know it, flap your wings
If you're a penguin and you know it, then your wings will surely show it
If you're a penguin and you know it, flap your wings
(stomp your feet, waddle around)

TALKING:

Talking with children is one of the best ways to help them learn new words and information. This fingerplay combines talking with practicing the fine motor skills that help prepare them for writing.

Two little penguins sitting on the ice (hold up two fingers)
One bows once, the other bows twice (made index fingers bow)
Waddle little penguins. Waddle away. (put fingers behind back)
Come back penguins. Time to play! (bring fingers to the front)

PLAYING:

Play helps children express themselves and put thoughts into words and to think symbolically, so they understand that spoken and written words can stand for real objects and experiences. We encourage play through our pompom, shaker, and scarf songs and activities.

LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK:


Children need to know three things about letters: the names, the shape, and the sounds they make. Naming letters on signs, pointing out letter shapes in sidewalk cracks or buildings, and voicing letter sounds while interacting are all ways to make these connections.

SOURCE: Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy (<https://www.clel.org/fiveearlyliteracypractices>)

WRITING:

Writing begins with scribbles and other marks. Talk to your children about what they draw and write captions or stories together. This makes a connection between spoken and printed language.

Shapes Maze!

Color in the s to find the path to the hole in the ice.

