



Portland Library

Take-Home Sheet: Mittens!

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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:

- *The Mitten* by Jan Brett
- *The Mitten Tree* by Candace Christiansen
- *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats

SINGING:

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

“Dance Like Snowflakes”

(Sung to: Are You Sleeping)

Dance like snowflakes,

dance like snowflakes

In the air, in the air

Whirling, twirling snowflakes

Whirling, twirling snowflakes

Here and there, here and there

TALKING:

Talking with children is one of the best ways to help them learn new words and information.

Find the Snowball under the mitten!

Snowball, snowball cold and round

Behind which mitten can you be found?

PLAYING:

Parachute play for toddlers helps to channel their excess energy. They are learning about rhythm and rhyme, they are learning how to work together with their peers, and they are learning how to listen and follow directions.

LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK:

Draw your toddler’s attention to the printed words and letters he sees while doing everyday things.

Simply through exposure to print, older toddlers may begin to recognize very familiar signs, labels, and names. As you bring your car to a halt at a stop sign, point and say, “Look, it’s a stop sign. I have to stop. The sign says STOP!” Pretty soon, your child will recognize the sign and tell you to stop. Pointing out signs and other ways writing is used in the environment will help your child begin to develop an understanding of the uses of print and build a foundation for reading.

SOURCE: PBS Parents, <http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/reading-language/reading-milestones/toddler-language-development-milestones/toddler-reading/>

WRITING:

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

- Trace the letter M
- Talk about the sound it makes
- Think of people or familiar objects that begin with the same sound
- Coloring helps strengthen muscles/fine motor skills needed for writing

Mm *is for*
Mitten

