### October 2019

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<td>Gather leaves that have fallen and make a picture with them.</td>
<td>Make dot-to-dot outlines of letters and have your child trace them.</td>
<td>Build with blocks. Can you make a tall tower?</td>
<td>Sing “All the Leaves are Falling Down.” <em>(lyrics on back)</em></td>
<td>While driving around, point out and read signs.</td>
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<td>Sing the song “Row, Row, Row Your Boat.”</td>
<td>Talk about the weather today. Is it sunny? Cloudy? Stormy?</td>
<td>Pretend to be different animals Moo, baa and neigh!</td>
<td>Put sand in the bottom of a tray or pan. Have your child draw shapes or letters with their fingers. Shake container to erase!</td>
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<td>Pick up a handful of leaves. Count how many you grabbed.</td>
<td>Sing “The Leaves on the Trees.” <em>(lyrics on back)</em></td>
<td>Use pipe cleaners to make letters or numbers.</td>
<td>Read a book to your child under a table!</td>
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<td>Have your child “read” or tell their favorite book or story to you.</td>
<td>Tape a large piece of paper to the table and let your child color with 2-3 crayons or markers.</td>
<td>Sing the alphabet song as quietly as you can!</td>
<td>Make faces in the mirror with your child. Talk about what you see!</td>
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<td>Go on a walk and talk about the colors of leaves you see.</td>
<td>Sing a favorite song in a silly voice!</td>
<td>Talk about the day’s events before going to bed.</td>
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**Talk • Sing • Read • Write • Play**

These are five of the best practices to prepare children to read. Have fun with your child!
Songs, Rhymes & Fun Activities
Children learn best by doing. Have fun together!

THE LEAVES ON THE TREES
Tune: “The Wheels On The Bus”
The leaves on the trees are yellow and brown,
Yellow and brown, yellow and brown.
The leaves on the trees are yellow and brown,
All around the town.
The leaves on the trees are falling down,
Falling down, falling down.
The leaves on the trees are falling down,
All around the town.
The leaves from the trees make a crunching sound,
Crunching sound, crunching sound.
The leaves from the trees make a crunching sound
All around the town.
The children in the town jump up and down,
Up and down, up and down.
The children in the town jump up and down
On the leaves on the ground!
- Jean Warren

ALL THE LEAVES ARE FALLING DOWN
Tune: “London Bridge is Falling Down”
All the leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down
(Imitate leaves falling down)
All the leaves are falling down, it is Autumn!

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT
Row, row, row, your boat, gently down the stream,
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream.

THE EENSY WEENSY SPIDER
The eensy weensy spider went up the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain.
Then the eensy weensy spider went up the spout again.

Have fun with playdough - poke it with your fingers, pull it apart and roll it with your hands.

Use pipe cleaners to make letters or numbers.

Put sand in the bottom of a tray or pan. Have your child draw shapes or letters with their fingers. Shake container to erase!

While driving around, point out and read signs.

Your Library has many resources to help you talk, sing, read, write and play with your child. Visit us soon!
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