

# 2023 Summer Activities Calendar



## The Little Red Hen

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## Helpful Phone Numbers

Allen County Education Partnership - 423-6447 [www.abouteducation.org](http://www.abouteducation.org)  
Bowen Center-counseling services - 471-3500 [www.bowencenter.org](http://www.bowencenter.org)  
Brightpoint- Head Start Early Childhood Programs, Healthy Families,  
Family Literacy Support - 423-3546  
Early Childhood Alliance - 745-2501  
On My Way Pre-K - 1-800-299-1627  
Erin's House-grief/loss counseling - 423-2466  
"First Call for Help"- for help with food, counseling, employment, health care,  
support groups, legal aid, clothing and education, dial 211  
CHIP, Hoosier Healthwise, and the Healthy Indiana Plan - state-sponsored health  
insurance programs for children birth-19 and adults 19-64,  
contact 1-800-889-9949  
The Literacy Alliance-adults and children - 426-7323  
Neighborhood Health Clinic-WIC services and affordable medical and  
dental care - 458-2641  
Poison Control - 1-800-222-1222  
SCAN-Stop Child Abuse and Neglect - 421-5000  
Super Shot - 424-7468  
Urban League - 745-3100



## School Information

East Allen County Schools: 446-0100  
Fort Wayne Community Schools: 260-467-1000  
FACE/Enrollment - 260-467-2120 or  
[www.myFWCS.fortwayneschools.org](http://www.myFWCS.fortwayneschools.org)  
Special Education - 260-467-1110  
Interpreters for Spanish and Burmese Speakers - 260-467-2009  
Transportation - 260-467-1900  
Visit [www.fortwayneschools.org](http://www.fortwayneschools.org) or connect with us!  
Facebook @WeAreYourSchools  
Twitter @FtWayneCommSkls  
Instagram @fort\_wayne\_community\_schools  
YouTube @FWCommunitySchools

Or visit the Family and Community Engagement (F.A.C.E.) Center at  
230 E. Douglas Ave., next to the Anthis Career Center Monday-Friday  
from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by calling 260-467-7250.

## Allen County Public Libraries

Aboite	5630 Coventry Ln.	421-1310
Dupont	536 E. Dupont Rd.	421-1315
Georgetown	6600 E. State Blvd.	421-1320
Hessen Cassel	3030 E. Paulding Rd.	421-1330
Little Turtle	2201 Sherman Blvd.	421-1335
Main Library	900 Library Plaza	421-1200
New Haven	648 Green St.	421-1345
Pontiac	2215 S. Hanna St.	421-1350
Shawnee	5600 Noll Ave.	421-1355
Tecumseh	1411 E. State Blvd.	421-1360
Waynedale	2200 Lower Huntington Rd.	421-1365
Woodburn	4701 Fahlfing Rd.	421-1370

## Summer Reading Program

SPARK! Summer Learning Program: All Together Now  
June 1 through July 31

This summer, the Allen County Public Library is pulling the  
community "All Together Now" to celebrate reading and learning.  
Let's spark conversations about what it means to be part of a  
community while earning awesome prizes just for reading, attending  
events, or participating in Library programs. Our summer SPARK  
(Science, Play, Arts, Reading and Knowledge) program is free for  
everyone (BONUS: we also went fine free this year)!

Summer Lunch and Snack at the Allen County Public Library:  
The Allen County Public Library partners with Fort Wayne  
Community Schools to provide free lunches to children and teens  
at many Library branches. Lunches will be served Monday through  
Friday. There is no cost to participate and no prior registration is  
needed.



# Fun things to do around Fort Wayne



## City Parks Department

Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation  
Parks/Splash Pads/Youth Programs  
<http://www.fortwayneparks.org/>  
(260) 427-6000

## City Pools

Jury Memorial (260) 245-0152  
McMillen (260) 427-6704  
Memorial (260) 427-6702  
Northside (260) 427-6705



Free  
Summer Lunch  
Program  
May 31- July 30

Free Summer  
Lunch Program:  
for more information call  
Nutrition Process  
Center (260) 467-2500.



## Allen County Parks

[www.allencountyparks.org](http://www.allencountyparks.org)  
-Cook's Landing County Park  
-Deer Run Wilderness Area  
-Fox Island County  
-Metea County Park  
-Payton County Park

## Black Pine Animal Sanctuary

[www.bpsanctuary.org](http://www.bpsanctuary.org)  
(260) 636-7383

## Boy's and Girl's Club of Fort Wayne

[www.bgcfw.org](http://www.bgcfw.org)  
(260) 744-0998

## City of Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation

[www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org)  
(260) 427-6000

## Eagle Marsh

[www.visitfortwayne.com/listing/  
eagle-marsh/347](http://www.visitfortwayne.com/listing/eagle-marsh/347)

## Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory

[www.botanicalconservatory.org](http://www.botanicalconservatory.org)  
(260) 427-6440

## Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

[www.kidszoo.org](http://www.kidszoo.org)  
(260) 427-6800

## Fort Wayne Firefighters Museum

[www.fortwaynefiremuseum.com](http://www.fortwaynefiremuseum.com)  
(260) 426-0051

## Fort Wayne Museum of Art

[www.fwmoa.org](http://www.fwmoa.org)  
(260) 422-6467

## Lindenwood Nature Preserve

[www.visitfortwayne.com/listing/  
lindenwood-nature-preserve/52706](http://www.visitfortwayne.com/listing/lindenwood-nature-preserve/52706)

## Salomon Farm Park

[www.fortwayneparks.org/facilities/  
saloman-farm-park.html](http://www.fortwayneparks.org/facilities/saloman-farm-park.html)

## Science Central

[www.sciencecentral.org](http://www.sciencecentral.org)  
(260) 424-2400

## Sweetwater Sound

[www.sweetwater.com](http://www.sweetwater.com)

## Wellspring Interfaith Social Services Summer Fun

call (260) 422-6618

## YMCA Metropolitan Office

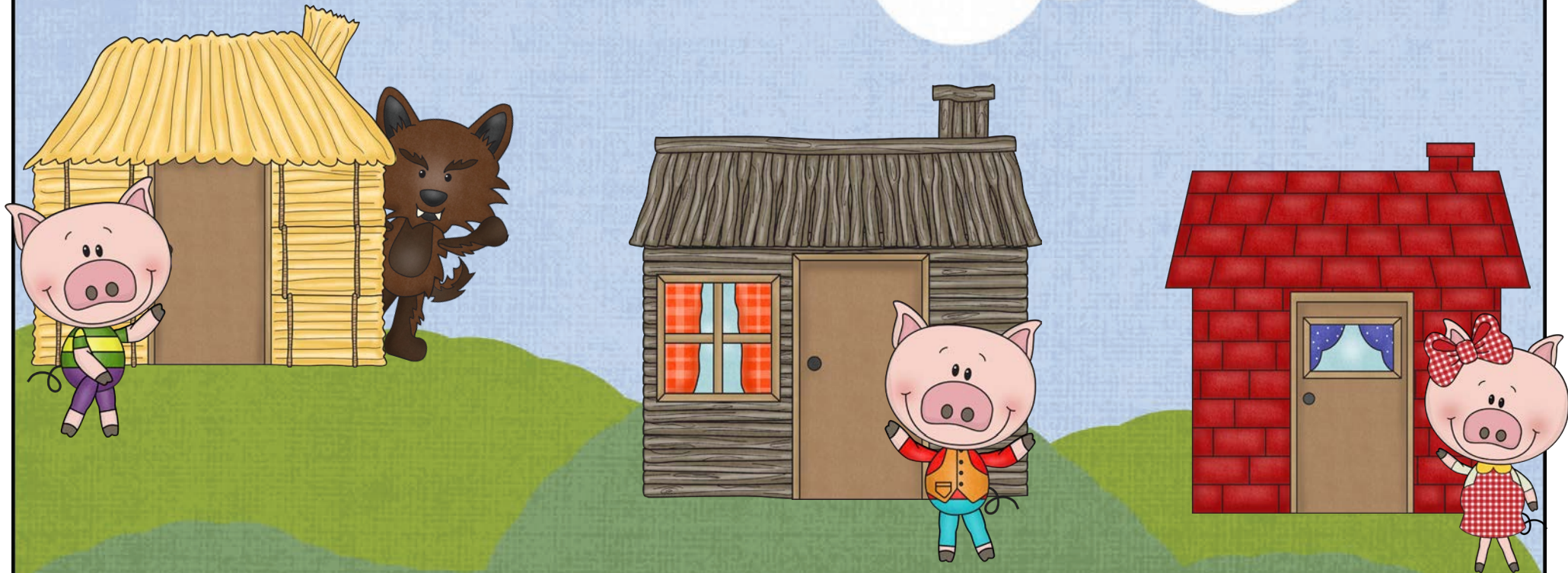
[www.fwymca.org/locations/  
ymca-metropolitan-office](http://www.fwymca.org/locations/ymca-metropolitan-office)  
(260) 422-6648





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favorite on YouTube!

# The Three Little Pigs



First

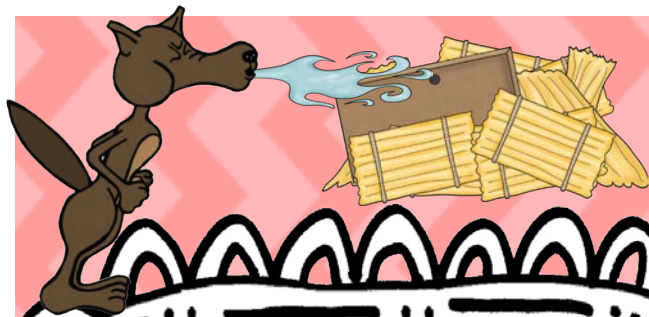
Second

Third

Over

On

Off



May  
2023

Talking with your child is one of the best ways to help him/her get ready for school. Using the vocabulary at the bottom of the picture of *The Three Little Pigs*, talk to your child about what is happening in the picture.

### School Readiness Activities:

Look at the picture above. **Discuss** what materials the pigs used to build their houses and why there is a wolf in the picture.

**Ask** your child to **point to** the house that was built first, second, and third.

Go outside and **collect** sticks of different lengths. **Sort** them into three piles...small, medium, and large.

**Ask**, "how did you sort these? Tell me about your piles."

With your child, **collect** buttons or lids from different containers. **Use** these objects to make a pattern. (ex: large, small, large, small)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			



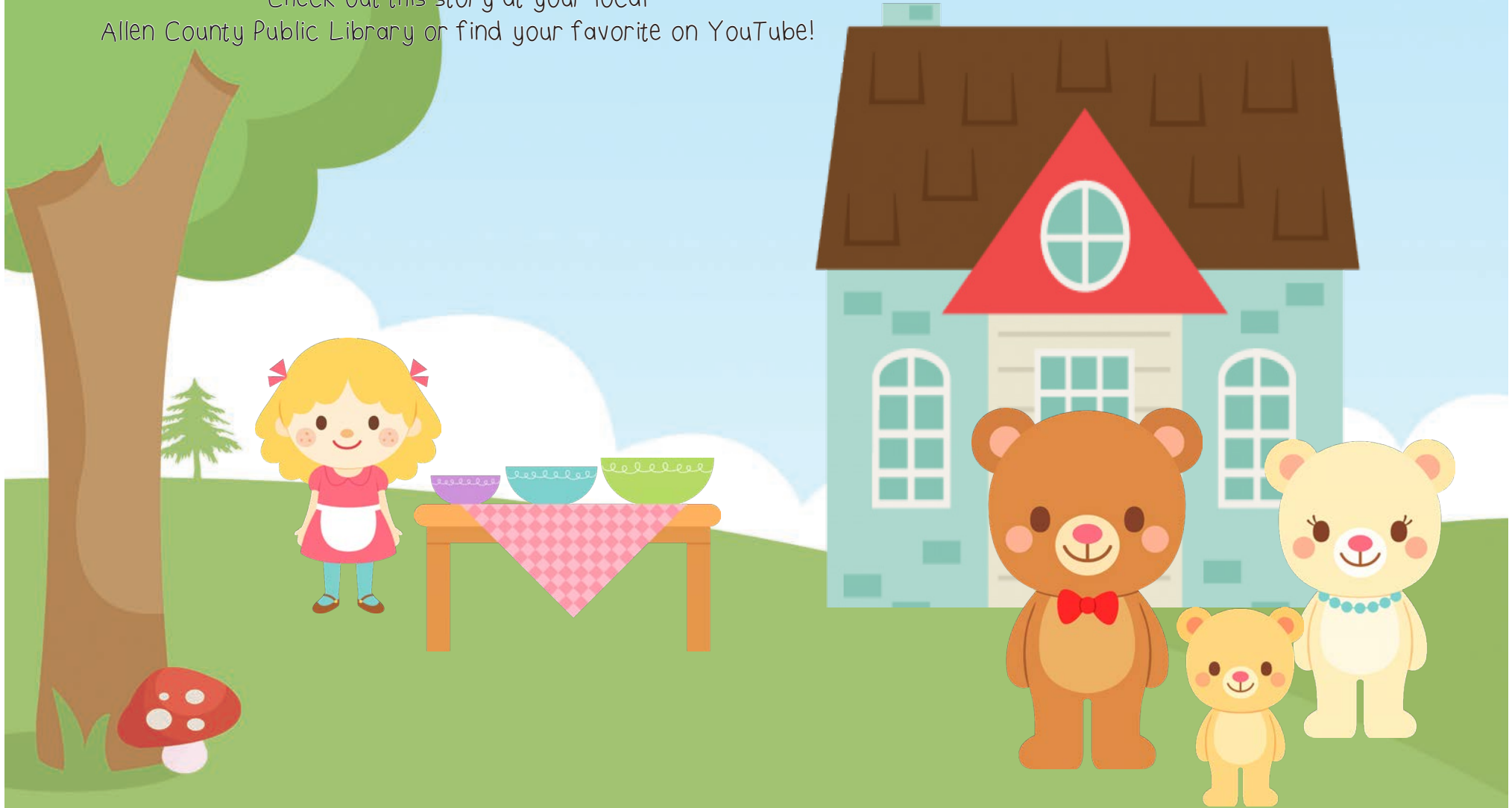
Are you looking for quality child care for the summer? For help finding quality child care and more information about **On My Way Pre-K**, call the Child Care Resource Network. This is a free service for all parents! Call 1-800-932-3302 or visit [www.thechildcareresourcenetwork.org](http://www.thechildcareresourcenetwork.org)





# Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Check out this story at your local  
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Small

Medium

Large

Soft

Hard

Hot

Cold



# June 2023

In school, your child will talk about feelings, learn concept words and position words. The words at the bottom of the picture are examples of the language you can use while re-telling the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*.

## School Readiness Activities:

Look at the picture above. Have your child **explain** how he/she thinks the girl is feeling. Have your child **describe** a time when he/she may have felt the same way.

Have your child close his/her eyes and listen. Have him/her **describe** what he/she hears.

Talk about feelings. **Ask** your child what makes him/her happy, sad, angry, etc.

Have your child **draw** a picture. Then have your child **describe** how he/she is feeling in the picture.

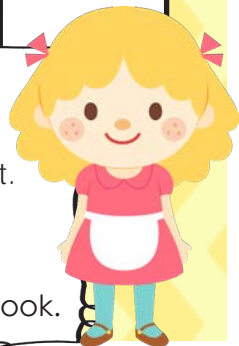
Use terms – before, after, next, now, later, first and last – when talking about your child's day.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ACPL Summer Reading Program begins!	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Make a dentist appt. for your child!	13	14	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

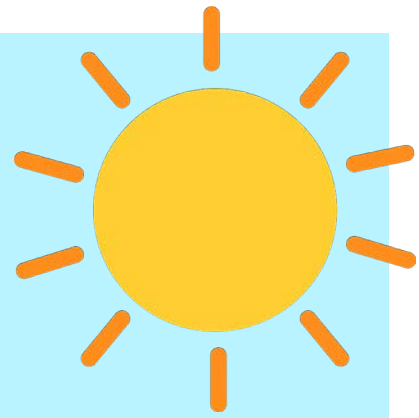


## Reading To Your Child

- Read to your child every day!
- Ask your child what he/she thinks the book will be about.
- Talk about the pictures with your child.
- Ask your child what might happen next.
- Ask your child questions about what happened in the book.



# The Three Billy Goats Gruff



First

Second

Third

Under

Over

Loud

Soft





# July 2023

When your child learns the similarities and differences between colors and shapes, he/she is using the same skills needed to recognize the differences between letters and numerals. Talk with your child about the picture from the story, *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. Ask, "What shapes and colors are in the picture?"

## School Readiness Activities:

Look at the picture above. **Point to** and **name** which billy goat came first, second, and third in *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*.

**Play** "I Spy" with letters, shapes, numbers, colors and location words.

**Sort** the laundry with your child. Choose two groups, such as dark and light, pants and socks, or any other group. **Discuss** with your child about the similarities and differences in the two groups.

Sit outside with your child and observe clouds. **Discuss** what shapes the clouds look like. Get the book, *It Looked Like Spilt Milk*, from the library.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 4th of July	5	6	7	8 Three Rivers Festival Parade 10 a.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14 Fri. & Sat. Children's Festival at PFW 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	15 Three Rivers Festival Fireworks Downtown 10 p.m.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29

Can you find these shapes in your home?



Triangle



Rectangle



Circle



Diamond



Square



Oval

For immunization requirements go to: [www.supershot.org](http://www.supershot.org)  
Super Shot - 260-424-7468



Summer Reading  
Program Ends  
July 31st



# The Gingerbread Man



Check out this story at your local  
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Run

Skip

Jump

Catch

Throw

Crawl

Gallop

Bounce





# August 2023

Your child will actively play with others in school.  
Talk with your child about how he/she can move.  
Using the words at the bottom of the picture from *The Gingerbread Man*, have your child follow your directions.

## School Readiness Activities:

Using the chant, "Run, run as fast as you can," play a game of tag. Have your child **tell** you different ways to move, such as crawling, walking, or hopping. Then have him/her **act** out those movements while he/she chants. For instance, "Crawl, crawl, as fast as you can! You can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

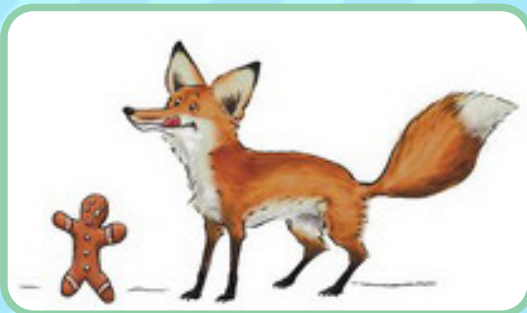
**Play** follow the leader doing gross motor activities such as marching, hopping, jumping, etc.

Take a walk in your neighborhood or to a store. **Name** the things you see, such as animals, colors of cars or houses or shapes of buildings.

Go outside and bounce or throw a ball back and forth. Start with one and **count** each time your child bounces or throws the ball.

Put shaving cream on your table and have your child **write** letters, numbers and shapes with his/her finger.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Start a sleep schedule! Get 8 hours of sleep!	1 FWCS Kindergarten Conferences	2	3	4 Review bus safety rules!	5
6	7 Check out the menu for the 1st week of school!	8	9 EACS 1st Day of School!	10 FWCS 1st Day of School!	11 Check your child's book bag every day!	12
13	14 Remember to send in school supplies!	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Keep reading to your child every night!	22	23	24 FWCS 1st Day of Pre-K!	25	26
27	28 Ask your child about his/her favorite thing to do in school!	29	30	31		



## Help Your Child be Responsible

- Give your child household chores to do.
- Have your child pick up his/her toys.
- Help your child learn his/her address and phone number.
- Practice putting on a coat, zipping, buttoning and tying shoes.



# Be Creative!

## Gingerbread Cookie Recipe

### Ingredients:

3 cups flour	2 tsp. ground ginger
1 tsp. cinnamon	1 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg	1/4 tsp. salt
3/4 cup butter, softened	3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup molasses	1 egg



Mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg and salt in large bowl. Beat butter and sugar in a large bowl with mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add molasses and egg; beat well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low until well mixed. Press dough into a large flat disk. Wrap in plastic. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.

Roll dough to 1/4 inch thickness on lightly floured surface. Cut into gingerbread men shapes and place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Bake in oven preheated to 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until edges of cookies are set and beginning to brown. Cool on baking sheets for 1-2 minutes. Cool completely on wire racks. Decorate as desired!

## Playdough Learning Fun

While playing with playdough, talk about what it smells like, what it feels like, how the colors change and what happens to its texture as it starts to dry out a little. Show your child how to make a long dough "snake" by using the flat of his/her hand to roll a lump of playdough back and forth on a flat surface. Guide your child to form shapes, letters, or numerals with the "snake." Make balls and count them or put them into a line from largest to smallest. Cut the dough with scissors to strengthen fine motor skills. What animals can you make from the dough? Ask, "Where does this animal live?"



## Pretend

Get a big box. Give it to your child and help him/her create a rocket ship, car, castle or boat. Use flashlights and pretend you are on an adventure. A blanket draped over a table or some chairs makes a fun tent.

## Card Games

Top it...(You may remember it as War.) Use a deck of cards. Leave out the face cards. Make the ace the number 1 card. Each player plays one card. The player with the highest card wins!

Go Fish

Old Maid

Uno

## Board Games

Candy Land

Color and Shape Bingo

Dominos

Twister

Memory

Elefun



## Good Children's Programming

Found on cable and streaming services...

Ada Twist, Scientist

Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood

Goldie & Bear

Numberblocks

Sid the Science Kid

Ask the Story Bots

Dinosaur Train

Martha Speaks

Sesame Street

Super Why!

## Web Sites for Children

[www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)

[www.gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com)

[www.nickjr.com](http://www.nickjr.com)

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

[www.universalkids.com](http://www.universalkids.com)

## Web Sites for Parents

[www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org)

[www.crayola.com](http://www.crayola.com)

[www.before5.org](http://www.before5.org)

[www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)

[www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)

[www.projectreads.org](http://www.projectreads.org)



# Rhymes & Finger Plays

## Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary

Mary, Mary, quite contrary,  
How does your garden grow?  
With silver bells, and cockle shells,  
And pretty maids all in a row.

## Star Light, Star Bright

Star light, star bright,  
First star I see tonight;  
I wish I may, I wish I might,  
Have the wish I wish tonight.

## This Little Piggy Went to the Market

This little piggy went to market,  
This little piggy stayed home,  
This little piggy had roast beef,  
This little piggy had none,  
And this little piggy cried wee wee wee all the way home.

## Wee Willie Winkie

Wee Willie Winkie runs through the town,  
Up stairs and down stairs in his nightgown,  
Tapping at the window, crying through the lock,  
Are the children in their bed, for it's past ten o'clock?

## Skidamarink

Skidamarink a dink a dink. Skidamarink a doo. I love you. (repeat)  
I love you in the morning and in the afternoon.  
I love you in the evening and underneath the moon.  
Oh, skidamarink a dink a dink. Skidamarink a doo. I love you.

"Rhymers will be readers."

"...if children know eight nursery rhymes by heart by the time they are four years old, they're usually among the best readers by the time they are eight." -Mem Fox

## A Few Teachable Moments!

Act out a rhyme!  
Ask your child...  
"What do you think happened next?"



## It's Raining, It's Pouring

It's raining; it's pouring.  
The old man is snoring.  
He went to bed and bumped his head,  
And he wouldn't get up in the morning.

## I Love You

I love you.  
You love me.  
We're a happy family.  
With a great big hug and a kiss from me to you.  
Won't you say you love me too?

## Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill went up the hill,  
To fetch a pail of water.  
Jack fell down and broke his crown,  
And Jill came tumbling after.

## Jack Be Nimble

Jack be nimble,  
Jack be quick,  
Jack jump over the candlestick.

## Little Bo Peep

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep,  
And doesn't know where to find them;  
Leave them alone,  
And they'll come home,  
Wagging their tails behind them.

For more nursery rhymes go to:

[www.nurseryrhymes.com](http://www.nurseryrhymes.com)



# Easing Those First Day Jitters!

## It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!



1. Read a book about starting school:

*Pete the Cat Rocking in My School Shoes* by James Dean and Eric Litwin

*Splat the Cat: Back to School, Splat!* by Rob Scotton

*Tiptoe Into Kindergarten* by Jacqueline Rogers

*Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come* by Nancy Carlson

*The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn

2. Be enthusiastic!
3. If one of your child's friends will be starting school soon too, arrange for them to play together.
4. Before school starts, make sure to schedule any necessary appointments with your child's teacher and tour the school.
5. Start a daily routine two weeks before school starts. Make sure your child has a regular bedtime (8:00-8:30 p.m.) and regular meal times.
6. Buy a book bag (without wheels) that is large enough for an 8 1/2" x 11" folder and several picture books. Talk about where you will hang it each day when he/she comes home from school. For safety reasons, put your child's name on the inside of his/her book bag.
7. Give your child choices. Ask, "Which of these two outfits will you wear on the first day? Which cereal do you want to eat for breakfast?"
8. Let your child know that you will be leaving him/her at school and who will be picking him/her up. Be loving, but firm, when you leave and always say goodbye.
9. Be on time when you drop off or pick up your child. Nothing makes your child happier than to see you waiting for him/her.
10. Practice walking your child to the bus stop. Review bus safety rules: Quiet on the bus, stay in the seat, always bring a book bag, never talk to strangers and always look before crossing the street in front of the bus.



# Little Red Riding Hood

## School Readiness Activities

Practice story retelling. Look at the picture together. **Ask** your child, "when Little Red comes into the room, what does she say to the wolf?"

Talk about our five senses (touch, taste, hear, smell and see).

**Discuss** which body part we use for each sense.

**Discuss** the importance of rules and how following rules keep us safe.

Practice following directions. Together, **sing** the song *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*.

Check out this story at your local Allen County Public Library or find your favorite YouTube!







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