Read *Little Owl Lost* by Chris Haughton. Use different voices for each character and children will be engaged in the story.

Draw an owl using different shapes. Using shapes when drawing, makes it easier for reluctant artists. Before children learn actual letters, they are aware of shapes.

Talk about the unusual colors in the illustrations and compare them to the colors found in nature.

Sing simple songs so children can hear the smaller sounds in words (syllables). Search for preschool owl songs on the internet.

Play with blocks and build a tree for Little Owl’s nest.

*Early literacy practices for children ages 3-5.*
*Find these and other tips at [www.earlylit.net](http://www.earlylit.net).*

Explore Early Literacy Practices: Read, write, talk, sing and play with children every day! When you engage in these practices regularly, you help young children develop essential early literacy skills that prepare them for reading and learning.

See other early literacy resources at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library).