Themes to Go: Rhymes, Extreme Weather, Construction, Cookies
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Library Books Mentioned in Presentation

Nursery Rhymes

The Eensy Weensy Spider Freaks Out! (Big-time!) by Troy Cummings
Frightened after the scary waterspout incident, the Eensy Weensy Spider needs some encouragement from her friend the ladybug before she will try climbing again.

If the Shoe Fits by Alison Jackson
The old woman who lives in a shoe sets out to find a larger home for her many children and gets mixed up in other nursery rhymes along the way.

Marc Brown’s Playtime Rhymes: A Treasury for Families to Learn and Play Together by Marc Brown
A lively collection of the artist’s 20 favorite read-and-play-along finger rhymes with pictorial instructions for finger movements.

Mary Had a Little Glam by Tammi Sauer
Mary is a little girl who wants to accessorize her fancy wardrobe.

Mary Had a Little Lamp by Jack Lechner
Mary takes her “bendy,” gooseneck lamp wherever she goes, but after leaving it at home during summer camp, Mary finds that she has outgrown her need for her odd companion.

My Mother Goose: A Collection of Favorite Rhymes, Songs, and Concepts by David McPhail
An illustrated collection of nursery rhymes and songs, interspersed with concept pages on such themes as "going places" and "colors and shapes."

The Neighborhood Mother Goose by Nina Crews
A collection of nursery rhymes illustrated with photographs in a city setting.

This Little Piggy by Tim Harrington
Expands on the traditional counting rhyme, revealing exciting things the second set of toes does which inspire the first set to try more "fun stuff" too.

To Market, To Market by Anne Miranda
Starting with the nursery rhyme about buying a fat pig at market, this tale goes on to describe a series of unruly animals that run amok, evading capture and preventing the narrator from cooking lunch.

Extreme Weather

Boom! Big, Big Thunder & One Small Dog by Mary Lyn Ray
Rosie, a little dog, is afraid of nothing except thunder and during one very bad storm, she discovers that the boy who she lives with is frightened, too.
Lightning by Seymour Simon
Full-color photographs and clear text explore how lightning and thunder are generated.

The Storm by Akiko Miyakoshi
When a powerful storm begins to rage one summer evening, a young boy holds little hope for the next day's promised trip to the beach.

Storms (National Geographic Kids) by Miriam Busch
Facts and photos explain why during storms the wind howls and rivers overflow; what makes thunder and lightning; and why it can rain for days.

Storms! (Time for Kids) by Leslie Dickstein
Find out what causes thunder, see the eye of a hurricane, get caught up in a tornado and discover more than 25 facts about storms.

Super Storm by Seymour Simon
Storms are swift and violent changes in the weather. From lightning to blizzards, learn all about the awesome power of these amazing natural disturbances.

Tap Tap Boom Boom by Elizabeth Bluemle
Strangers dash to the subway to seek shelter from the rain, and everyone shares smiles and umbrellas as they take delight in the experience of a city thunderstorm.

Tornadoes by Seymour Simon
This book describes the location, nature, development, measurement and destructive effects of tornadoes.

Weather and Seasons by Jen Green
This book introduces young readers to Earth's unique weather patterns and seasons, including how and why they change throughout the year.

Construction

Builder Goose: It's Construction Rhyme Time! by Boni Ashburn
Nursery rhymes are refashioned to feature construction projects.

Busy Builders, Busy Week! by Jean Reidy
A cast of animal characters are building a brand new playground in a local park and each day of the week contains a different construction plan.

Little Excavator by Anna Dewdney
Little Excavator wants to help the big rigs transform a vacant lot into a neighborhood park, but he is too small to get the job done. That is, until he finds a job that is a perfect Little E-sized task.

Roadwork by Sally Sutton
There are many big machines and busy people involved in building a road, and this book follows them every step of the way.

Tip Tip Dig Dig by Emma Garcia
A parade of colorful construction vehicles doing their work means plenty of joyful noise.
Cookies

**The Best Mouse Cookie** by Laura Numeroff
Mouse bakes his own cookies in his little mouse house.

**Gingerbread Boy** by Richard Egielski
A freshly baked gingerbread boy escapes when he is taken out of the oven and eludes his pursuers until he meets a clever fox.

**Gingerbread Girl** by Lisa Campbell Ernst
Like her older brother, the Gingerbread Boy, who was eventually devoured by a fox, the Gingerbread Girl eludes the many people who would like to eat her but also has a plan to escape her sibling’s fate.

**Senorita Gordita** by Helen Ketteman
Resets the tale of the Gingerbread boy in the southwest, where the scrumptious Gordita eludes her pursuers until she meets a clever owl.

**Who Ate All the Cookie Dough?** by Karen Beaumont
Kanga and her friends try to discover who ate all of her cookie dough.

**Who Put the Cookies in the Cookie Jar?** by George Shannon
Children discover the process behind how cookies end up in a cookie jar.

**Who Took the Cookies From the Cookie Jar?** by Bonnie Lass & Philemon Sturges
A skunk tries to find out which of his animal friends stole the cookies.

Websites Mentioned in Presentation

**Construction Movement Cards**
[www.royalbaloo.com/download/RoyalBalooConstructionMovementCards.pdf](http://www.royalbaloo.com/download/RoyalBalooConstructionMovementCards.pdf)

**Virginia Milestones for Child Development**

Early Literacy Library Resources

**Early Literacy Library Book Bags**
Book bag kits with 10-20 books on a variety of school-related themes.

**Fun With Reading!**
This publication highlights library books for toddlers and preschoolers and includes an assortment of early literacy extension activities for each book.

**Ready to Read Resources**
Library books, songs, fingerplays and websites on a variety of school-related themes.

**Read, Write, Talk, Sing and Play Poster Series**
Early literacy posters designed to help caregivers read, talk, sing, write and play with young children.

Go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) and select “Early Literacy – Birth-5” for more early literacy resources.
Songs and Rhymes Used in Presentation

**Hello Song**
The more we get together.
Together, together,
The more we get together,
The happier we’ll be.
Cause your friends are my friends.
And my friends are your friends.
The more we get together the happier we’ll be.

**Mary Had a Little Lamb**
Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was white as snow. Yeah!
Everywhere the child went,
The lamb was sure to go. Yeah!
He followed her to school one day,
And broke the teachers rule.
What a time did they have
That day at school.

**The Itsy Bitsy Spider**
The itsy-bitsy spider,
Climbed up the water spout.
Down came the rain,
And washed the spider out.
Out came the sun,
And dried up all the rain.
And the itsy-bitsy spider,
Climbed up the spout again.

**To Market To Market**
To market, to market, to buy a fat pig,
Home again, home again, jiggity-jig.
To market, to market, to buy a fat hog,
Home again, home again, jiggity-jog.
To market, to market, to buy a plum bun,
Home again, home again, market is done.

**This Little Piggy Went to Market**
This little piggy went to market.
This little piggy stayed home.
This little piggy had roast beef.
And this little piggy had none.
And this little piggy ran, wee, wee, wee,
All the way home.

**The Carpenter’s Hammer**
The carpenter’s hammer goes rap, rap, rap.
And his saw goes see-saw-see.
He hammers and hammers, and saws and saws.
To build a house for me.

**Pease Porridge Hot**
Pease porridge hot,
Pease porridge cold,
Pease porridge in the pot,
Nine days old.
Some like it hot,
Some like it cold,
Some like it in the pot,
Nine days old.

**Johnny Works With One Hammer**
Johnny works with one hammer,
One hammer, one hammer.
Johnny works with one hammer,
Then he works with two.
*(Additional verses: 3…4…5 hammers)*

**Who Took the Cookie From the Cookie Jar?**
*Have everyone close their eyes and give a child a “cookie” to hide. Everyone tries to guess who has it.*

Who took the cookie from the cookie jar?
*[Name]* took the cookie from the cookie jar.
*IT:* Who me?
*GROUP:* Yeah you!
*IT:* Couldn't be!
*GROUP:* Then who?
*IT:* *[Name]* took the cookie from the cookie jar.

*Keep going until the “culprit” is discovered.*

**Zim-bam, Zim-bam**
Zim-bam, zim-bam, zim-bam-bee,
Rain is falling on the tree.
zim-bam, zim-bam, zim-bam-by,
Rain is falling from the sky.
zim-bam, zim-bam, zim-bam-boo,
Rain is falling on us too.

**Goodbye Song**
*(Tune: “Up on the House Top”)*
Now is the time to say goodbye.
My how fast the time did fly.
Our day is done, so we must say,
“Goodbye, goodbye for today.”
Ho, Ho, Ho – time to go.
He, He, He – wave to me.
Now it is time to say “Goodbye.”
Grab your things and off you fly!