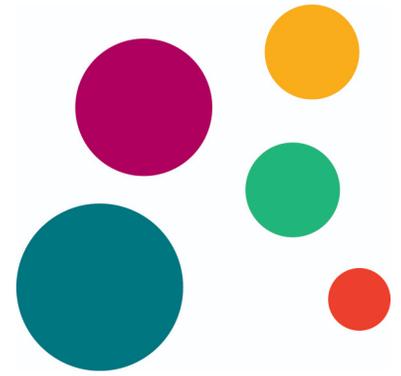


STORYTIME AT HOME

Earth Day

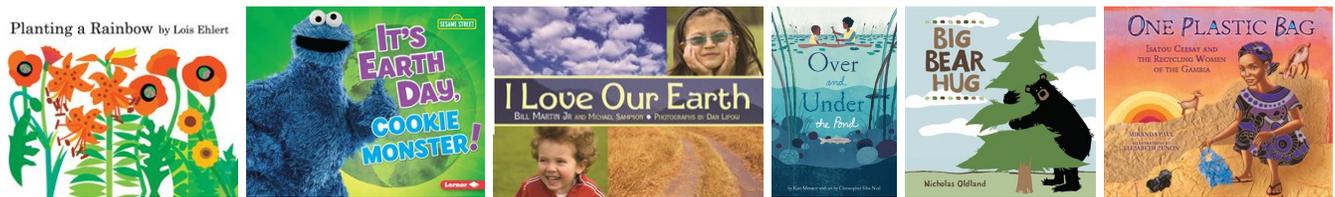
You and your little one can enjoy storytime at home. Rhyming, like singing, helps your little one develop skills that get them ready to learn to read.



Read and Talk

Head over to Hoopla digital to check out some of these rhyming stories, all available with your library card:

- *Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Ehlert <https://tinyurl.com/2pbvupna>
- *It's Earth Day, Cookie Monster* by Mary Lindeen <https://tinyurl.com/pvk6rbf2>
- *I Love Our Earth* by Bill Martin <https://tinyurl.com/2u27z3b9>
- *Over and Under the Pond* by Kate Messner <https://tinyurl.com/4tdn3ehm>
- *Big Bear Hug* by Nicholas Oldland <https://tinyurl.com/kjkd7c58>
- *One Plastic Bag* by Miranda Paul <https://tinyurl.com/2fuj3tuk>



It doesn't matter whether you read or just look at it and talk about the pictures in the book (or just part of it). You can have your child clap along to the words or notice and repeat the rhyming words. Enjoy this special time with your little one in your lap!

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Sing and Move Your Bodies

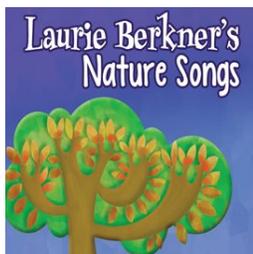
Love Our World (sing to the tune of *If You're Happy And You Know It*)

If you love our world, clap your hands, clap, clap (repeat)
If you love our world, really love our world,
If you love our world, clap your hands

...plant a tree...
...recycle...
...do your part...

Let's dance!

Dance to your favorite song or try this fun [nature themed album by Laurie Berkner](#) available on Hoopla digital.



Try a tickly bouncy rhyme.

This one's fun to do with babies, toddlers, and preschoolers:

I have a little spider,
I'm very fond of her,
She crawls up to my shoulder,
And right round to my chin,
She jumps up to my nose
She climbs down my arm, then down my leg,
And now she's so very tired, I put her down to bed

Tickle your little one with your spider fingers as you creep up their shoulder, chin, nose and head. Start slow so your toddlers and preschoolers can learn the words to participate.

Play and Write



Get some paper from your recycling bin and some crayons. Go outside and make some tree bark rubbings! Compare the patterns of different trees.

Gather some loose parts at the park! Handling and playing with rocks and sticks is great for training those writing muscles.

