**Songs and Fingerplays**

**If You’re a Pet and You Know It**
Tune: If You’re Happy and You Know It

If you’re a dog and you know it,  
Say, “Woof, woof”.  
If you’re a dog and you know it,  
Say, “Woof, woof”.  
If you’re a dog and you know it,  
And you really want to show it.  
If you’re a dog and you know it,  
Say, “Woof, woof”.

Repeat with:  
Kitty/Meow  
Fishy/Glub  
Hamster/Run in place  
Bird/Tweet

**Can You?**  
[suit actions to the animals]

Can you make yourself small like a hamster?  
Can you jump up high like a frog?  
Can you s-t-r-e-t-c-h like a cat?  
Can you wag your tail like a dog?  
Can you fly like a bird?  
Can you swim like a fish?  
Can you sit back down  
and be still like this?

**Call the Cat and Dog**

Call the cat  
[cup hands around mouth]  
And give her some milk.  
[pretend to pour]  
Brush her coat  
[pretend to brush]  
Till it shines like silk.

Call the dog  
[cup hands around mouth]  
And give him a bone.  
[extend hand]  
Take him for a walk  
[“walk” fingers]  
And then back home.  
[hands form roof over head]

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**Theme: We ❤️ Our Pets**

**Books to Share**

Pets hold a special place in our hearts  
so let’s share the love!

*Some Pets* celebrates various animal companions of all shapes and sizes.  *Dog’s Colorful Day* is a messy story about colors and counting AND cleaning up while in *Lola Gets a Cat*, the excitement of getting a first pet is balanced with the preparation needed to welcome it home. Young pet owners take on a big responsibility and non-fiction books such as *Great Guinea Pigs* and *Fish* introduce true facts to help choose the right one and give it the care it needs.

**I Can Be A Veterinarian** by Anthony Ardely  
**Great Guinea Pigs** by Rose Carraway  
**Some Pets** by Angela DiTerlizzi  
**Dog’s Colorful Day** by Emma Dodd  
**Lola Gets a Cat** by Anna McQuinn  
**Fish** by Julie Murray

**Nursery Rhyme: Old Mother Hubbard**

**Music:** “Splish Splash”  
from *Bean Bag Rock & Roll* by Georgiana Stewart

Looking for more book ideas?  
Check these out!

**Next month’s theme will be Hold Onto Your Hat**
Book of the Month from the Parent Teacher Collection

*Science Play* by Susan Edwards Richmond PTC 507.8 EDW
In this fourth book in the Busy Little Hands series, preschoolers get ready for a science adventure! Preschoolers wonder and explore with 20 hands-on experiments using everyday household objects and making daily activities such as snack time and play time into learning opportunities. Each play activity demonstrates a simple principle of physics, earth science, chemistry, or biology, including the Kitchen Sink or Float (demonstrating density), the Vinegar Volcano (pressure) and Blooming Colors (chromatography). Featuring bright, easy-to-follow photos specially designed for pre-readers, this book is packed with learning fun, plus it sets the groundwork for science success in kindergarten and beyond. (Grand Central Pub)

Try a Fun Activity

**Something Fishy?**

Invite children to create cute fish homes with this craft.

**Supplies:**
- 2 sheets of clear Con-Tact paper
- Construction paper scraps
- Thick black marker
- Colored markers
- Scissors

**Setup:**
Draw the outline of a fishbowl on one sheet of Con-Tact paper.

**Steps:**
- Cut fish shapes from construction paper. Use the markers to decorate.
- Peel the backing off the fishbowl and place it sticky-side up.
- Tear construction paper scraps into small pieces (gravel) and press them onto the bowl. Then press the fish shapes onto the Con-Tact paper. Place the other sheet of Con-Tact paper atop the first one, sticky-side down. Press the sheets together.
- Trim around the fishbowl.

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**How Kids Can Learn From Pets**
An animal can be a child's best friend, as well as a great teacher. We know that animals make great companions and playmates, but animals are also wonderful teachers. Children know that a pet will love and accept them unconditionally, which builds self-esteem. What's more, research suggests that social, emotional, and cognitive development is enhanced when a child cares for a pet. Some studies have found that pet ownership can encourage language and communication skills, because children tend to talk to their animals — to confide their feelings, show affection, give commands, and sometimes even incorporate them into their pretend-play scenarios. scholastic.com

**More Rhymes**

**Fun With Paws**
Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Roll, roll, roll your paws,
As slow as slow can be,
Roll, roll, roll your paws,
Do it now with me.

Roll, roll, roll your paws,
As slow as fast can be,
Roll, roll, roll your paws,
Do it now with me.

**Bubble, Bubble, Pop!**

One little purple fish
swimming in the water,
swimming in the water,
swimming in the water.
One little purple fish swimming in the water,
Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble, pop!
(Hands make fish motion of swimming in the water, make bubbles that float to the top, clap hands above head)

Repeat with:
- two little red fish
- three little orange fish
- four little yellow fish
- five little green fish

**I WENT TO THE PET STORE**

I went to the pet store,
I went there at a jog,
To get a pet with a wagging tail,
It was a friendly little dog.

I went to the pet store,
I went there just like that,
Because I heard a little purr,
It was a curious cat.

I went to the pet store,
For something not too big.
To get a cuddly little pet
It was a furry guinea pig.

I went to the pet store,
I’m sure it sounds absurd.
But the pet I wanted now
Was a colorful, flying bird.

I went to the pet store,
It had become a habit.
The pet I wanted now
Was a soft, fluffy rabbit.

Questions or suggestions?
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