

Opening the Gift

Songs & Fingerplays

The Teddy Bear's Dance

Follow actions

Hop little teddy bear; hop with me.
Hop little teddy bear; hop with me.
Hop little teddy bear; hop with me.
We'll be as merry as we can be.

Repeat with stomp, twist, clap, jump, etc....

Teddy Bear Teddy Bear Turn Around

Follow actions

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Turn around,
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Touch the ground,
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Reach up high
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Wink one eye,
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Slap your knees,
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Sit down please!

Put a Bear on Your Head

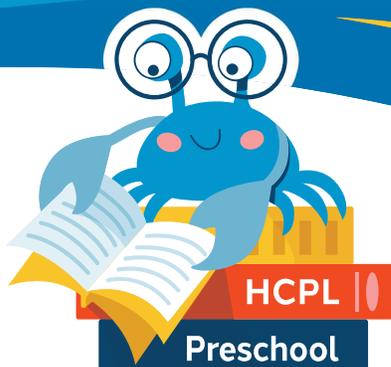
Follow actions

Put a bear on your head, on your head.
Put a bear on your head, on your head.
Put a bear on your head, tell me is it blue or red?
Put a bear on your head, on your head.

Put a bear on your face, isn't that a lovely place!

Put a bear on your tummy, I think that's rather funny!

Put a bear on your toes, because that's where it goes.



Traveling Library

March 2026

Theme: Teddy Bear's Picnic Books to Share

This month we are celebrating bears. In Bill Martin's *Rainbow Bear*, we will follow along as Little Bear fills his belly with many colored berries. We will

join the little bears as they explore their forest in *Mama's Little Bears*, by Nancy Tafuri, and we will help Bear search for shapes in *Bear in a Square*, by Stella Blackstone. We will also help Mole try to wake his friend Bear in *Spring is Here A Bear and Mole Story*, by Will Hillenbrand. So please enjoy the *Teddy Bear's Picnic* as we share stories, songs, and fingerplays this month.

All About Bears by Jennifer Szymanski

Mama's Little Bears by Nancy Tafuri

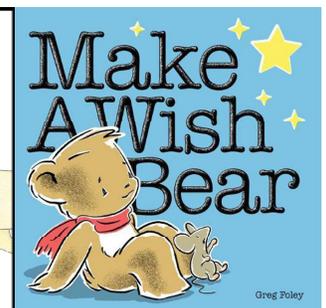
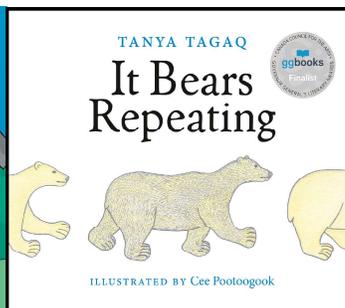
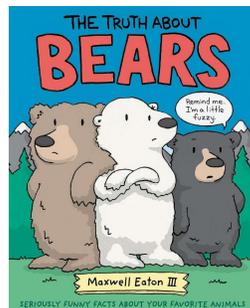
Rainbow Bear by Bill Martin

Spring is Here A Bear and Mole Story by Will Hillenbrand

Bear in a Square by Stella Blackstone

Music: "Going on a Bear Hunt "
from **Rock and Rhyme**
by Mr. John & Friends

Looking for more book ideas? Check these out!



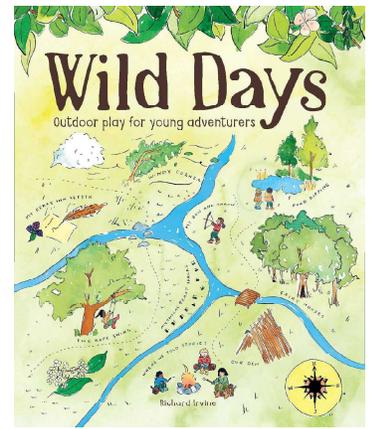
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Book of the Month from the Parent Teacher Collection

Wild Days: Outdoor Play for Young Adventurers, Richard Irvine

"Looking for ways to encourage your children to step away from their screens and explore the natural world? Irvine shares ways to inspire kids to get out in the fresh air, from building a stick den and cooking over a campfire to hunting for treasure and stargazing. His book is crammed full of outdoor activities and fun for children--and their parents"-- adapted from back cover.



More Rhymes

Five Little Bears - *Adding and Subtracting Bears*

One little bear
Wondering what to do,
Along came another,
Then there were two.
 Two little bears
 Climbing up a tree,
 Along came another.
 Then there were three.

Three little bears,
Ate an apple core,
Along came another.
Then there were four.
 Four little bears,
 Found honey in a hive,
 Along came another.
 Then there were five.

Five little bears
Heard a loud roar,
One ran away,
Then there were four.
 Four little bears
 Climbing up a tree,
 One slid down,
 Then there were three.

Three little bears
Deciding what to do,
One fell asleep,
Then there were two.
 Two little bears
 Having lots of fun,
 One went home,
 Then there was one.

One little bear
Feeling all alone,
Ran to his mother,
Then there was none.

Try a Fun Activity

Flower Suncatcher

Supplies needed:

Paper plates (the thin kind), Scissors, Transparent contact paper, Flowers and leaves, Markers, Hole punch, Yarn

Directions:

- * Begin by making a frame for your flower suncatcher by cutting a hole in the center of a paper plate.
- * Next, add a center of contact paper. Use the paper plate frame to draw a circle on the contact paper. The circle on the contact paper should be about a half an inch larger than the hole in the frame, so that it will fit the opening and stick to the plate.
- * Press flower petals and leaves to the contact paper. Arrange the pieces in any design you like.
- * Add another circle of contact paper over the top to protect and hold the flower design in place.
- * Punch a hole at the top of the frame and tie a loop of string for hanging. Then find a sunny window and hang your suncatcher!



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Talking:

Talk about how two toys are alike and different. "How are these two balls alike? How are they different?" Helping your child see how objects are the same and how they are different will help them see how letters are the same and/or different, such as d and b, or P and R.

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Talking | Singing | Reading | Writing | Playing

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