Songs & Fingerplays

**Hello Song**
Hello, hello, how are you? [wave hello]
Hello, hello, how are you?
I'm glad I'm here, it's storytime! [clap]
Shake 'em to the front, shake 'em to the back, [shake hands to match words]
Shake 'em up high, shake 'em down low!
I'm glad I'm here, it's storytime! [clap]
Shake 'em over here, shake 'em over there, 
Shake 'em real fast, And shake 'em real slow!
I'm glad I'm here, it's storytime! [clap]

**Owl In the Oak Tree**
source: preschoolexpress.com
[tune: Skip To My Lou]
Owl in the oak tree—big and strong.
Owl in the oak tree—sings his song.
Owl in the oak tree—all night long.
“Who, who, who”—come sing along.

“Who, who, who”—me and you.
“Who, who, who”—what will we do?
“Who, who, who”—all night through.
Singing our song—“who, who, who”!

**Five Little Owls**
Five hoot owls sitting in a tree,
One flew away! How many do you see?
One, two, three, four.
Four hoot owls sitting in a tree... 
continue counting down to zero.

**Reading is Special**
source: STEP Into Storytime by S. Ghoting & K. Klatt
This is my book, I open it wide. 
[cup hands and open and close them]
I like to see what is inside.
I love the stories and the pictures too.
Reading is a special time for me and you. 
[point to yourself and others]

Theme: Whooo’s Ready for a Story?

**Books to Share**

Let’s sing and dance and rhyme and have FUN as we get to know each other at this month’s storytime visit. Don’t blink during *Wow! Said the Owl* as we open our eyes and look for all the colors of the rainbow. *Reading Makes You Feel Good*, especially when we work together to take good care of our books and use our best storytime manners—sometimes we are quiet, and sometimes we make some noise. *Hello, Day!* is sure to have us mooing, woofing, and hooting along!

*Books Always Everywhere* by Jane Blatt
*Who Loves Books?* by Lizi Boyd
*A Place to Read* by Leigh Hodgkinson
*WOW! Said the Owl* by Tim Hopgood
*Hello, Day!* by Anita Lobel
*Reading Makes You Feel Good* by Todd Parr
*Night Owl* by Toni Yuly

**Nursery Rhyme: Hey Diddle Diddle**

Music: “The Freeze” from *Kids in Motion* by Greg & Steve

Looking for more book ideas?
Check these out!

**Next month’s theme will be Harvest Market**
Finding Ecohappiness: Fun Nature Activities To Help Your Kids Feel Happier and Calmer by Sandi Schwartz

Raise calmer, happier, healthier children with these fun, hands-on nature activities for parents and kids to enjoy together. Are your kids stressed? Are they feeling a bit down? Do your children—and you—need a break from screens? Nature can help. What we all suspected intuitively for generations, science has now confirmed: spending time connecting to nature is a safe, effective tool to help improve our health and happiness.

Try a Fun Activity

More Rhymes

Pleasingly Patient
[tune: Are You Sleeping?]

I am patient.
I am patient.
Watch me wait.
Watch me wait.
One, two, three, four, five,
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten.
I can wait.
I am great!

If You’re Happy & You Know It [with scarves]
If you’re happy and you know it wave your scarf,
If you’re happy and you know it wave your scarf,
If you’re happy and you know it and you really want to show it,
If you’re happy and you know it wave your scarf.

Continue with:
hide [hide behind back]
twirl [twirl scarf in a circle]
play peek-a-boo [hold in front of face]
shake it fast [shake scarf quickly]
say good-bye [scrunch it up and put it away]

My Hands Say “Thank You”
My hands say “thank you” with a clap, clap, clap.
My feet say “thank you” with a tap, tap, tap.
Clap, clap, clap.
Tap, tap, tap.
Now spin yourself around, and take a BIG bow!

Questions or suggestions?
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