



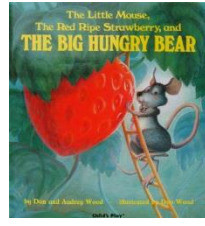
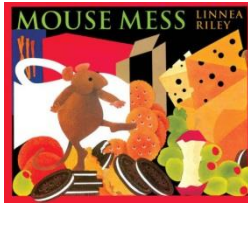
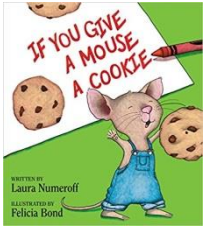
Portland Library

Take-Home Sheet: Mice!

April 3, 2018

READING:

Reading together is the single most important way to help children get ready to read.



Other Titles You Might Enjoy:

- *Lunch* by Denise Fleming
- *Molly Who Flew Away* by Valeri Gorbachev
- *Mouse Was Mad* by Jackie Urban

SINGING:

Singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words.

Hickory, dickory dock
The mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck one, the mouse ran down
Hickory, dickory dock

Hickory, dickory dock
The mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck two, and down he flew
Hickory, dickory dock

Hickory, dickory dock
The mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck three, and he did flee
Hickory, dickory dock

TALKING:

Talking with children is one of the best ways to help them learn new words and information.

Where are the baby mice? Squeak, squeak, squeak. (Put hands behind back.)
I cannot see them. Peek, peek, peek. (Hold hand over eyes as if looking.)
Here they come from the hole in the wall. (Bring out one hand, held in a fist.)
One, two, three, four, five-that's all. (Bring fingers out of fist one at a time.)

LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK:

Read aloud with your child every day. Talk about the stories you read to make them more meaningful to your child. Children will learn about books and print, for example: we read the words, rather than the pictures, from left to right, and from the front of a book to the back

SOURCE: Project Enlightenment (https://projectenlightenment.wcpss.net/parent_resources/early_literacy_tips.html)

PLAYING:

Play helps children express themselves and put thoughts into words and to think symbolically, so they understand that spoken and written words can stand for real objects and experiences. We encourage play through our pompom, shaker, and scarf songs and activities.

WRITING:

Writing begins with scribbles and other marks. Talk to your children about what they draw and write captions or stories together. This makes a connection between spoken and printed language.

Mm *is for*
Mouse

