

Preschool Demonstration Storytime

Big and Small

Welcome to our preschool storytime today. My name is Saroj Ghoting. I am so glad you can all be here today. We are going to be sharing rhymes, movement activities and books. Please participate as much as you can, following along with the movements I do. We expect some degree of chaos. However, if your child is not happy, feel free to leave and come back when your child is calmer.

Let's start with our opening rhyme

Opening Rhyme: *Open Shut Them*

Open shut them, open shut them

Give a little clap.

Open shut them, open shut them

Put them in your lap.

Creep them, crawl them, creep them, crawl them.

All the way to your chin.

Open wide your little mouth.

And do not let them in!

[Repeat two more times.]

Introductory Early Literacy Aside:

Our early literacy tip of the day is narrative skills. This is one of the six early literacy skills that researchers say is important for children to have to be able to learn to read later. It is the expressive part of language, being able to describe things and events, to tell stories and retell them. It will help children understand what they read. I'll be pointing out some things we are doing in storytime today and that you can also do at home to help develop this skill.

Introduction: Clap children's/adult names

Theme for today is big and small

Book: *Something from Nothing* by Phoebe Gilman

Flannelboard Retelling

Example Early Literacy Aside:

By having the children retell the story, we are helping to develop their narrative skills. Giving them or having them make props can help them remember what comes next. At the end of storytime I'll be giving you a handout so you can do this at home too.

Rhyme: *Hickory Dickory Dock* (with arm, standing, pairs)

Hickory dickory dock

The mouse ran up the clock

The clock struck one

The mouse ran down

Hickory dickory dock.

Big Book: *Flower Garden* by Eve Bunting

Song/Rhyme: *Eensy Weensy Spider* from *Mainly Mother Goose* by Sharon, Lois and Bram

Book: *You're Too Small* by Shen Roddie

Closing Early Literacy Aside:

After our Goodbye song I'll be handing out one of these sheets to each of your children. It is the pattern for Something From Nothing. I hope you'll take time to tell each other the story at home.

Closing Song: *Goodbye Song*

This is the way our hands say goodbye

With a clap clap-clap

Clap, clap-clap.

This is the way our hands say goodbye

With a clap, clap-clap, clap-clap.

This is the way our knees say goodbye

With a tap tap-tap.

Tap tap-tap.

This is the way our knees say goodbye

With a tap tap-tap, tap-tap.

This is the way we wave goodbye

Wave goodbye, wave goodbye

This is the way we wave goodbye

Goodbye until next time.

On this table I have some books about things that are big and small, about sizes. On this table I have some books that lend themselves well to retelling, helping to develop narrative skills. Feel free to take a book from each table to check out.