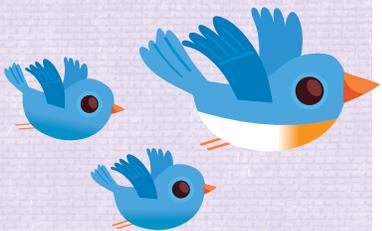




Family Newsletter



THIS MONTH'S THEME

Baby Animals

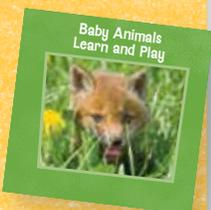
This month your child will learn all about babies. He will be introduced to many different kinds of baby animals and how their parents care for them. He will explore how babies are carried, kept safe, and learn as they grow up. This month is a great opportunity to look back at baby pictures and share memories.



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Literacy Around the Home

Literacy is a part of everyday life. We are surrounded by written words when we drive, cook, eat and grocery shop. Point out the print you see in your everyday experiences to your child. This interaction is the foundation of literacy. Here are a few ideas to build your child's literacy in playful and easy ways:

- Point out examples of print in and out of the home. Some examples are street signs, the calendar, food packages, mail, recipes, or directions.
- Play the "I Spy" game with letters or sight words. Encourage your child to find a specific letter or word in the environment.
- Give your child a choice while pointing to words. For example, ask your child which cereal he wants to eat as you point to the printed name on each cereal box.
- Encourage your child to retell his favorite stories.
- When your child "writes" ask him to "read" what the writing says. There is no wrong way to write.
- Involve your child in making grocery lists, following a recipe, or looking up a phone number.
- Mimic life skills with your child. Set up a pretend play area that follows the interests of your child (dentist, doctor, car repair, office, etc.) and think about the books, reading, writing, and tools involved in this job.
- Create a language-rich world for your child. Talk all day long, read books, scribble, and draw or write in the dirt, on paper, or even in the air with your finger.



THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

Letters Q, G & Y

Shape hexagon (hexágono)

Numbers 5 & 15 (cinco y quince)

Color orange (naranja)

Spanish words

kitten (gatito)

puppy (perrito)

bear cub (osezno)

squirrel (ardilla)

crocodile (cocodrilo)

baby fish (pececillo)

gentle (amable)

Topics your child will explore this month

Baby Animals

Waiting for Baby

- 1 Pregnant Moms
- 2 Eggs
- 3 Helper Dads
- 4 Birthday
- 5 Adoption

Carrying Baby

- 6 In the Mouth
- 7 On the Back
- 8 In a Pouch
- 9 On the Chest
- 10 In the Arms

How Babies Change

- 16 Growing Bigger
- 17 Growing Stronger
- 18 Growing Smarter
- 19 Growing Braver
- 20 Being a Member of the Community

Keeping Baby Safe

- 11 Veterinarian Visit
- 12 Staying Close
- 13 Danger Calls
- 14 Safe Home
- 15 Protective Parents



RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

Papa, Papa
by Jean Marzollo

Mama, Mama
by Jean Marzollo

Did My Mother Do That?
by Sharon Holt

Animal Daddies and My Daddy
by Barbara Shook Hazen

Hey, Daddy: Animal Fathers and Their Babies
by Mary Batten

I Love My Daddy
by Sebastien Braun

Daddy Kisses
by Anne Gutman



Family Activity



Hop Like a Bunny

(Sing to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat.")

Think of different animals, then change the words and move like that animal.

**Hop, hop, hop like a bunny,
Make a bunny face.**

**Hop to the left, and hop to the right.
Then hop and march in place.**

**Jump, jump, jump like a kangaroo...
Swim, swim, swim little seahorse...**

Baby Care

Take a walk around the neighborhood and pay special attention to any babies or pets you see. Ask a friend, neighbor, or relative what kind of care the baby or pet needs. Invite your child to think of a way he might be able to help the neighborhood pets and animals.

