Nursery Rhyme: Hickory, Dickory, Dock

Songs & Fingerplays to Share:

**Up, Down, Fast, Slow**

recite this chant as children follow the directions

Gingerbread, gingerbread, reach up high.
See if you can touch the sky.
Gingerbread, gingerbread, ready to go?
See if you can crouch down low.
Gingerbread, gingerbread, oh, so sweet.
Take a bow; then have a seat.
Gingerbread, gingerbread, in a crowd,
Clap your hands very loud.
Gingerbread, gingerbread, quietly clap.
Now fold your hands into your lap.

**Ten Little Cookies**
(tune: Ten Little Indians)
1 little, 2 little, 3 little cookies.
4 little, 5 little, 6 little cookies.
7 little, 8 little, 9 little cookies.
10 little cookies with milk!
(pretend to glug down the milk)

**Little Mouse**
There was a little mouse
(hold up right thumb)
And he lived in a hole
(insert right thumb into left fist)
And when everything was quiet,
as quiet as can be:
Shhh—shhh—shhh—
Out popped he!

**Make Cookies**
I am making cookie dough
Round and round the beaters go
(make round and round motion)
Add some flour from a cup
(pretend to pour)
Stir and stir the batter up
(pretend to stir)
Roll them, and cut them, nice and neat
(roll hands, pretend to cut)
Put them on a cookie sheet
(pretend to lay out cookies)
Bake them and count them 123
(count with fingers)
and serve them to your friends for tea!
More Books to Share:

*Gingerbread Friends* by Jan Brett
*The Doorbell Rang* by Pat Hutchins
*The Cookie-Store Cat* by Cynthia Rylant
*The Gingerbread Pirates* by Kristin Kladstrup
*Moo, Moo, Brown Cow, Have You Any Milk* by Phillis Gershator
*Sugar Cookies-Sweet Little Lessons on Love* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
*Who Took the Cookies from the Cookie Jar* by Bonnie Lass & Philemon Sturges

Activity Ideas:

**Sensory Ginger People:** Use a pattern to trace the shape of ginger boys and girls on sandpaper. After they are cut out, let the children rub cinnamon sticks over the sand paper. You may vary this idea by using different grits of sandpaper—rough, rougher, roughest!

**Sticks & Stones Cookies:** Need: 1 cup vanilla milk (white) chips, butterscotch chips or chocolate chips; 1/4 cup light corn syrup; 2 Tbsp. milk; 2 Tbsp butter or margarine; 5 cups Kix cereal; 1 cup broken pretzel sticks; 1/2 cup mini candy coated semisweet chocolate baking bits, if desired.

Method: cover cookie sheet with waxed paper. Heat chips, corn syrup, milk, margarine, and vanilla in a 3-quart saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly, until chips are melted and mixture is smooth. Remove from heat and add cereal, pretzels and baking bits until well coated. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto waxed paper. Refrigerate for about 2 hours. Store covered in refrigerator up to 3 days.

**Book of the Month:**

*Grandloving: Making Memories With Your Grandchildren* by Sue Johnson, Julie Carlson, & Elizabeth Bower

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Incorporating advice from more than 350 families nationwide, this guide offers specific tips for bonding with grandchildren, from babies to teens. Among the guide’s hints are more than 225 easy, low-cost, do-together, and long-distance activities such as ideas for successful visits, holidays, and family traditions. While primarily intended for use by grandparents, this sourcebook’s strategies and suggestions can also help daycare providers, separated parents, extended family members, and teachers grow closer to the children in their lives.

**Road to Reading Tip:**

Toddlers love to practice new skills and knowledge. Although adults may tire of the same book, young children need to hear the same story many times to fully understand the chain of events. Hearing a story over and over helps a toddler learn about word sounds, meaning, rhythm, and intonation, in addition to developing an understanding of connected events. At this age, practice play (doing things over and over) also helps toddlers learn. They enjoy practicing the reading of a familiar story. You may even see a toddler read a story to a favorite stuffed animal or doll.

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