

DELL-D Literacy Event Activity Sheet



SWEETHEART DANCE

What we did today:

Fun books to read and sing together:

The Hokey Pokey
by Larry La Prise

The Teddy Bears' Picnic
by Jimmy Kennedy

Over In The Meadow
by John Langstaff

I Know An Old Lady
Illustrated by G. Brian Karas

Wheels On The Bus
Illustrated by Maryann Kovalski

Five Little Ducks
Illustrated by Pamela Paparone

Roll Over! A Counting Song
Illustrated by Merle Peek

Old MacDonald Had a Farm
Illustrated by Holly Berry

Today Is Monday
Illustrated by Eric Carle

Yankee Doodle
Illustrated by Steven Kellogg

Today, I had a great time at the Sweetheart Dance! We played so many games with the music. I really like the Hokey Pokey, it made me giggle when I turned around and around. I made a bracelet with my name on it.

I also made a crown and decorated it with special jewels. The jewels made the crown sparkle. I made a special card and wrote a message inside. I used glitter and stickers to make it look special. I followed the recipe strip and made my snack. I used a graham cracker, pudding, cherries, and cool whip. Wow, it tasted awesome! I always have so much fun when we come together and play.



How it helped me become a better reader & writer:

When we played games, I learned

- To listen for directions
- My right and left sides
- My different body parts (hand, leg, head, shoulder)

When we made a snack, I learned

- To follow directions
- To "read" the strip from left to right
- To see the difference between letters and numbers

When we signed in and made a bracelet, I learned

- To take my turn
- To hold the pencil
- To find the different letter beads that are in my name
- To thread the beads through the yarn

When we read stories, I learned

- To listen to the sounds of the words and letters
- To look closely at the pictures
- To think about what would happen next in the story



Please check the Danville Public Library or the DELL-D Family Center for these books!

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Ideas for home:

Let's read together!

- Make regular trips to the library to borrow books, tapes, and other materials. If possible, have your child get his or her own library card.
- Look for books that match your child's experiences: a special interest (bugs), something familiar (going to school), or a new event (going to the dentist).
- Choose books about families similar to your family or about people from your culture and ethnic group.

Let's write together!

- Encourage your child to do things without your help, such as brushing teeth, buttoning and zipping clothes, and using forks and spoons. This is good practice using the small muscles in their fingers and hands, which they need to develop for writing.
- Write your child's name and have your child touch the letters and say the letter name.

Let's talk together

- Start a conversation with your child by asking a question that has no right or wrong answer "What did you think when you saw the tall tower you built?"
- Help your child become a creative thinker by asking, "Suppose that..." "What do you think..."
- Encourage your child to talk to older and younger family members. A child who has many opportunities to talk will learn how to put ideas into words.
- Use the television wisely. Help your child choose a few special television shows that are just right for children of the same age and interest. Watch with your child and talk about what you see and hear. "Are those lions like the ones at the zoo?"
- At family meals, talk about each person's day and enjoy each other's company.
- Say a short sentence and help your child clap or tap an object or musical instrument (drum, spoons, blocks) for each word in the sentence.
- Talk about how your child can make words with the letters.

Upcoming Events:

Every Monday night from 5:00 - 6:30 pm at the Danville Public Library come with your child and DELL-D will provide activities and help you find fun books! *Free book on first visit!*

Every Tuesday from 8:30-9:30 am and 3:00-4:00 pm, Sandy will be at Roselawn Head Start to redeem your literacy coupon.

Saturday, March 14 - Dr. Seuss Party at the Danville Public Library from 10:00 am-noon.

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