



## “My Family”

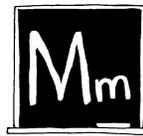
### What’s new in our class this week

We are learning songs, rhymes,  
and new activities related to  
**“family”!**

Did you know that you and your family  
are your child’s first and most important  
teacher?

Well you are! The theme we are focusing  
on this week is “My Family”.

### New Letter



#### Big “M” and little “m”

Some “M” words we will talk about  
are **M**other, **M**itten, and **M**ouse!

### Letter Talk

“Letter Talk” is what we  
use to help children learn  
how to form letters!

#### Letter Talk for big ‘M’

Straight line down. Go to  
the top of this line. Slanted  
line down. Slanted line up.  
Straight line down again.

#### Letter Talk for little ‘m’

Straight line down. Go to  
the top of the line and curve  
down. Go up again and  
curve down.

*Draw letters in sand, sugar,  
cornmeal or in the air!*

### New Concept: Family



We will learn new words related to  
family, like mother and father. We will  
also talk about what families are like.

### Songs we are singing

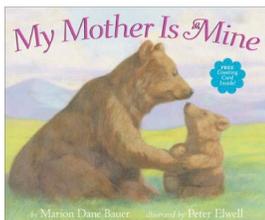


“Hush Little Baby”

“Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush”

### New Book

#### “My Mother is Mine” by Marion Dane Bauer and Pete Elwell



This book will be read in class and is about animal mothers and their babies. Some of the animals in the books are bears, sheep, and tigers. When you are able to connect books to your child’s life it helps them remember books. In our book one of the babies likes to hear her mother sing to her, another likes to have his mother kiss him goodnight. You can relate the book to yours and your child’s life by talking about activities that you like to do together as a family.

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## The Public Library

Going the library together is a great family activity! You and your child can find books together that you can read at home.

You can also look at the book covers and talk about what the story might be!

Librarians are great resources, so don't be afraid to get their advice on books your child may like!

After reading a book you may even write your own story about your family trip to the library or other family events.

### Books related to theme

- "The Family Book"  
by Todd Parr
- "Who's in a Family"  
by Robert Skutch
- "Clifford's Family"  
by Norman Bridwell
- "Rosie's Family: An Adoption Story"  
by Lori Rosove
- "What's a Family?"  
by Rachel Isadora
- "Bear's Busy Family"  
by Stella Blackstone
- "The Runaway Bunny"  
by Margaret Wise Brown
- "Mama Do You Love Me?"  
by Barbara Joose

## Try These Tips at Home

Teach your child about: **Authors & Illustrators**

- Explain to your child that when they draw pictures they are an "illustrator".
- When you go to the library, talk about the books and point out who the author and illustrator is.

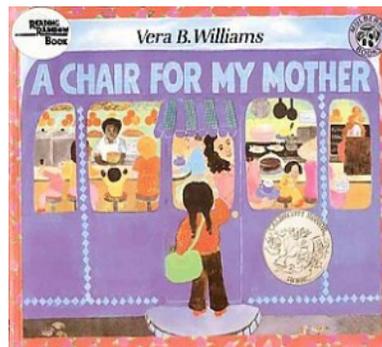
Help your child learn the letters: **M and m**

- If you drive by McDonald's talk about the letter "M" and the sound it makes.
- Write the letter "M" on sticky notes and help your child find things in the house that begin with "M". (Like microwave, markers, etc.)
- Search for words or pictures that begin with the letter "M".
- Use your finger to trace the letter "M" on sandpaper or in the fog on a mirror. Have your child do the same!

Help your child understand: **Family**

- Play a guessing game about different family members. For example: "I am a man and I take care of my kids. Who am I?" (the father)
- Help your child draw a picture of a favorite family activity. Then, you can help your child write a story about the picture.
- Read books to your child about families. Ask your child what part of the story was his or her favorite and why.

## Book Pick: "A Chair for My Mother"



Author and Illustrator: Vera B. Williams

This book is about a young girl and her mother who is a waitress. They save coins in a big jar to buy a comfortable chair for their apartment after all their furniture is lost in a fire.

"A Chair for My Mother" is a Caldecott Honor Book.