



MOTHER GOOSE DAY MAY 1

Description of Program: Mother Goose is an imaginary author of a collection of fairy tales and nursery rhymes which are often published as Mother Goose Rhymes. Join us as we discover the world of Mother Goose through her rhymes, art projects and more!

Program Plans: This program is perfect for infants, toddlers and preschool children. Over the years, the wonderful rhymes of Mother Goose have been forgotten and children of today are not familiar with her words. Now is the time for us as librarians to spread the word to parents about the importance of sharing these timeless classics with their little ones! I have provided numerous books and activities for you to choose from to tailor-make your own program.

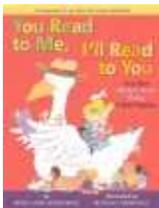
Books:



Red Green Blue: A First Book of Colors by Alison Jay (9780525423034). This Mother Goose-filled book is just right for children learning their colors. In this enchanted adventure, whimsical illustrations and witty stories-within-stories bring a vibrant world to life.

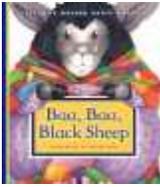
The Mother Goose Cookbook: Rhymes and Recipes for the Very Young by Marianna Mayer (0688152422). A collection of recipes for such goodies as Peter Pumpkin's Pumpkin Muffins, Mother Goose's Pease Porridge Hot, and Peter Piper's Best-Ever Pickle Recipe, each accompanied by the related nursery rhyme.

Humpty Dumpty and Other Classic Rhymes (1592495753). This read-aloud book has large, colorful illustrations that will grab the attention of the littlest listeners!



You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Mother Goose Tales to Read Together by Mary Ann Hoberman (0316144312). These very short Mother Goose tales come with a twist that young and older readers will enjoy! Perfect for a Reader's Theatre presentation for the more-advanced reader.

My Very First Mother Goose and ***Here Comes Mother Goose*** edited by Iona Opie (1564026205) and (0763606839). These two books will bring smiles and grins to the children as they enjoy the magical rhymes and beautiful watercolors.



Favorite Mother Goose Rhymes series published by *Child's World*. This 8-volume series features such favorites as *Little Bo Peep*, *Old King Cole* and *This Little Piggy*. The font is large for the littlest reader and the illustrations are bright, clear and colorful.

Activities:

This is a fun icebreaker quiz you can use with the parents who attend your program:

Who went up the hill?

- *Mother Goose
- *Little Boy Blue
- *Jack and Jill
- *Simple Simon

Who was frightened by the spider?

- *Georgie Porgie
- *Little Boy Blue
- *Old Mother Hubbard
- *Little Miss Muffet

The complete quiz can be found at: www.alphabet-soup.net/goose/goosequiz.html

Feather Painting

In celebration of Mother Goose, let's paint with "goose" feathers!

Materials needed:

White construction paper

Assorted finger paints

Feathers, stiff ones in assorted sizes and colors

This free-spirited craft allows the children to use their imaginations and fine motor skills as they fill their paper with strokes from their "feather" paintbrushes.

Art idea created by Nancy Heuser, Teen Librarian, Orland Park Public Library

Feather Collage

Materials needed:

White construction paper

Feathers, soft ones in assorted sizes and colors

Elmer's glue

Sequins

Spread the glue onto the paper using a brush. Have the children toss, blow and/or place the feathers onto the paper. This free-form style will allow the children to create one-of-a-kind masterpieces. For additional flair, sequins may be glued on as well.

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Mother Goose's Nest

Materials needed:

Natural materials such as twigs, leaves, acorns, small pinecones

Wooden eggs

Tacky glue

What a wonderful way to incorporate nature with literacy! Have the children glue a variety of natural materials to form a nest for Mother Goose. Small wooden eggs, available at most craft stores, may be put in the center of the nest when dried.

Little Bo Peep Sheep craft

Materials needed:

Black construction paper

Glue

White crayon

Cotton balls

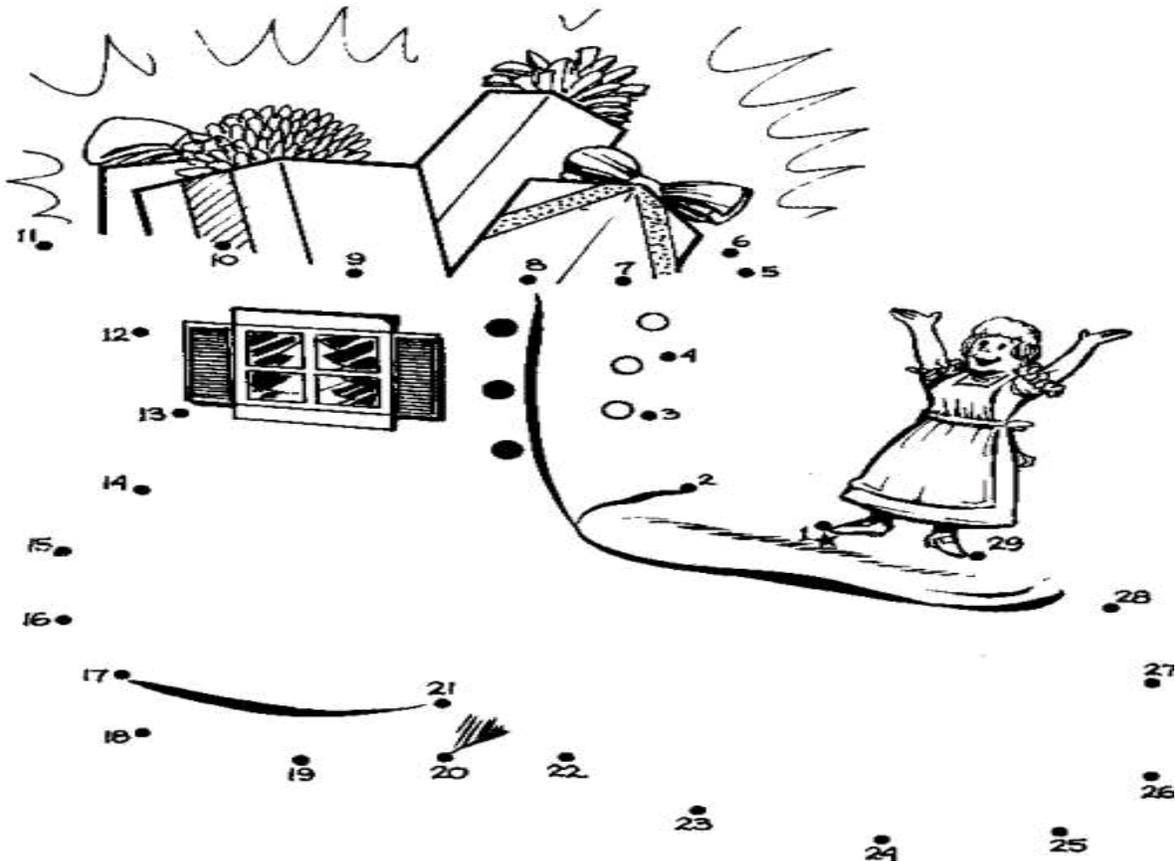
Wiggly eyes

Place child's hand on the black construction paper with his fingers slightly spread and the thumb as far apart as possible. Trace child's handprint. Glue cotton balls over the handprint leaving the tips of the fingers and thumb without cotton. Glue small wiggly eyes onto the head (tip of the thumb). www.dltk-kids.com/animals/phprintlamb.asp



Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe Dot-to-Dot activity sheet

<http://www.alphabet-soup.net/goose/oldwomandot.html>



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