COMMUNITY

This Read Together Kit contains stories that are fun to share with one or many children. Combine these stories with any of the suggested songs and rhymes to create a community-themed storytime.

Titles in this kit include:

Toddler and older:
- *Who Put the Cookies in the Cookie Jar?* by George Shannon
- *You Hold Me Up* by Monique Gray Smith

Preschool and older:
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña
- *Maybe Something Beautiful* by F. Isabel Campoy
- *This Day in June* by Gayle E. Pitman
- *Windows* by Julia Denos

Early Learning Ideas:

- Grow a child’s language skills by sharing stories about the community they live in. Describe together the people, buildings, and businesses that make up your community. You can also draw a picture together of the things you talk about.

- Look around your neighborhood and see how many shapes and colors you can find. Try looking for just one color or shape and see how many examples you can find.

- When children learn about the world around them, it helps with an important pre-reading skill called background knowledge. Research has shown that background knowledge helps a child to better understand what they are reading when they start to read. This can include describing something in your community, such as a bridge or a fire station, or explaining how something is built or works. All new knowledge helps to build this skill.

We would appreciate your feedback on these Read Together Kits
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ReadTogetherKit
Storytime Songs and Rhymes:

The More We Get Together (Tune: Have You Ever Seen a Lassie)
The more we get together, together, together.
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be.
'Cause your friends are my friends,
And my friends are your friends.
The more we get together,
The happier we'll be.

Watch a video of this song: https://kcls.org/content/more-we-get-together/

Hello My Friends by Nancy Stewart
Hello my friends won’t you sing with me,
Sing with me, come and sing with me
Hello my friends, won’t you sing with me
Won’t you come and sing with me.

Other verses: read with me, dance with me, play with me

Watch a video of this song: https://kcls.org/content/hello-my-friends/

The Elevator Song
Oh the city is great and the city is grand
There are lots of tall buildings on a little piece of land
And we live way up on the 57th floor
And this is what we do when we go out the door.
We take the elevator up and the elevator down,
Take the elevator up, take the elevator down
Take the elevator up and the elevator down, and we turn around.

Watch a video of this rhyme: Go to the Jbrary YouTube channel and search for “The Elevator Song”

Buenos días (Spanish)
¿Cómo está? ¿Cómo está?
Muy bien, gracias. Muy bien, gracias.
¿Y usted? ¿Y usted?

Other verses: Buenas tardes and Buenos noches.

Watch a video of this song: go to the WCCLS Birth2Six YouTube channel and search for “Buenos días”