

Early Literacy Activities

Here are some activities you can do with your little ones that tie in with the five early literacy practices:

You Can:

1. Have fun with flashlights!

Using flashlights with older babies and toddlers is a fun sensory activity. Sensory activities help to build cognitive skills. In addition, babies will learn to visually track the light. Visual tracking is a skill children will use when they have to follow words on a page!

2. Let's Travel to Space!

Free play helps exercise your child's creativity and problem-solving skills. Build a spaceship with an old cardboard box that your child can sit in. Decorate it using recycled items that you can find around the house. Encourage your child to talk to you about what they will need and see while "travelling" in space.

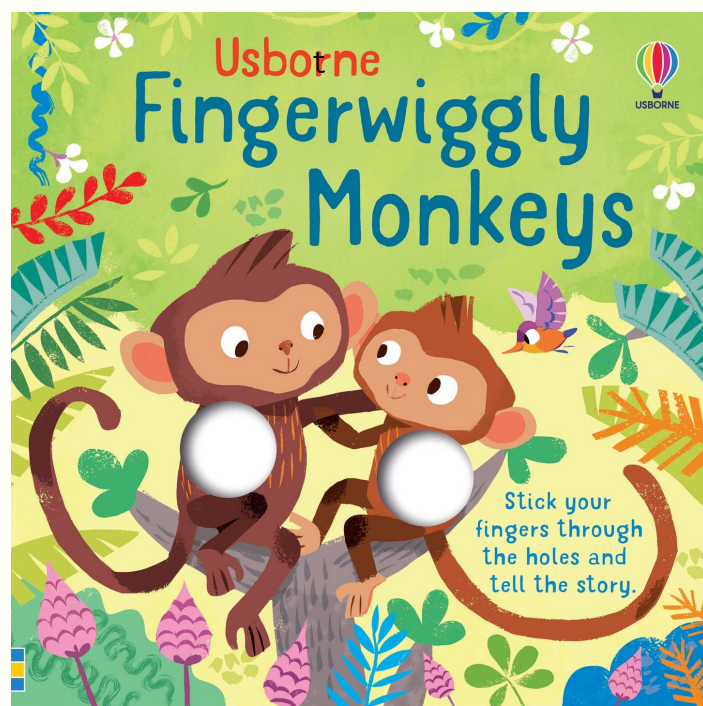
3. My Body!

This fun activity helps your child learn about body parts. Prepare pictures of various body parts. Randomly show a picture of a body part and get your child to name and point to the same part on their body. For older children, make the activity more challenging by getting your child to spell the body part.

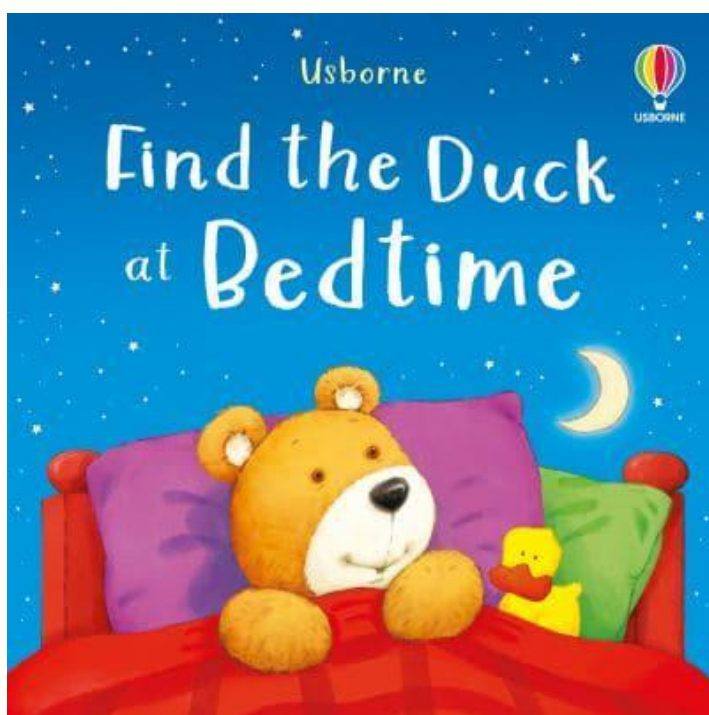
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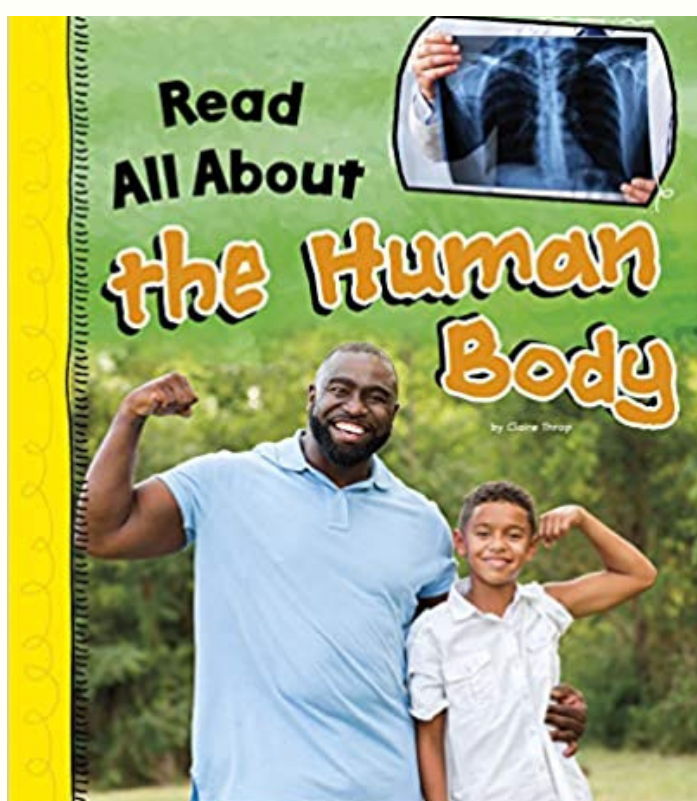
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