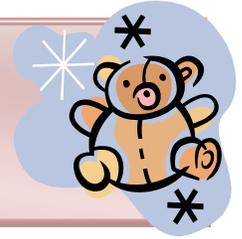




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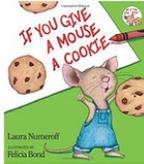
Family Learning Activities that Develop Readers Ready for School



Before Reading

Look at the cover of the book. Point out the book's title. What does the title tell you about the story? What is the mouse feeling?

Read Together



If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* Laura J. Numeroff

What do you think will happen if you give the mouse a cookie? Will he be happy with just a cookie or will other things begin to happen? What do you think might happen?

*This book is also available in Spanish

After Reading

Make Cookies Together!

Make Mouse's favorite cookies together! While making the cookies or while eating them after they are cooked – talk about the story together.

Ingredients (makes 18 cookies)

1 cup plus 2 tbl* flour
½ tsp** baking soda
Pinch salt
½ cup softened butter
1 tsp vanilla extract
½ cup sugar
¼ cup packed brown sugar
1 egg
1 cup red and green little candy coated chocolates

* tbl = tablespoon
**tsp = teaspoon

Steps

1. Combine the flour, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.
2. In a bowl, mash together the butter, vanilla, sugar, and brown sugar until smooth and fluffy. Add the egg.
3. Slowly add the flour mixture until just blended. Stir in the chocolates, adding 1 tsp of water if necessary to help mix.
4. Drop batter by tablespoons onto greased cookie sheets. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes.

Read a Nursery Rhyme!

Read the words to the nursery rhyme together:

Hickory, Dickory, Dock

Hickory, dickory, dock!
The mouse ran up the clock;
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down,
Hickory, dickory, dock!

Share New Words

- Mouse
- Cookie
- Want
- Milk



Look for These Books at Your Library

- 📖 ***Cat and Mouse*** by Ian Schoenherr
- 📖 ***Library Mouse*** by Daniel Kirk
- 📖 ***Mouse Paint*** by Ellen Stoll Walsh
- 📖 ***Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse*** by Lindsay Barrett George

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