

Circle Time Lessons & Centers

Unit overview

Day 1 Humpty Dumpty

Introduce the nursery rhyme:
Humpty Dumpty

Recite the nursery rhyme. Use props to reenact the poem.

Day 2 Rhyming

Play a rhyming game to match the rhyming eggs.

Day 3 Science Exploration

Explore cause and effect with a simple egg science experiment and take a poll.

Day 4 Word Family Pocket Chart

Change the beginning sound to make new rhyming words.

Center Tens Frame Matching

Match the number to the tens frame.

Bonus Take Home Mini Book

Foldable emergent reader book.

Humpty Dumpty
Nursery Rhyme

Day 1
Lesson plans

A nursery rhyme is a traditional rhyming poem or song. Teaching nursery rhymes helps young children to develop auditory skills and helps with speech development.

Objective:

- The students will develop listening and speaking skills by reciting a poem.

Activities:

- Recite the poem to the students and invite the children to join you in reading it again.
- Reenact the poem with props. Use small blocks to build a wall and a plastic Easter egg (draw a face on it for fun!) for Humpty. As the class recites the poem, the students can take turns putting Humpty on the wall and then knocking him off with a toy mallet.

Humpty Dumpty
Rhyming

Day 2
Lesson plans

Rhyming is an essential skill for young children. Rhyming helps children improve their oral language ability and is a building block for young readers.

Objective:

- The students will play with words, sounds, and rhymes.

Activities:

- Print the rhyming egg puzzles, laminate and mat. Cut the puzzles apart on the middle line.
- Identify the pictures and the rhymes with the students.
- Pass out the top section of each of the eggs to the students. Hold up the bottom section with the matching rhyme. Jump up and complete!

Humpty Dumpty
Science Experiment

Day 3
Lesson plans

Hands-on scientific exploration with preschoolers helps children see naturally curious about the world around them and enhances communication and analytical thinking.

Objective:

- The students will explore cause and effect.

Activities:

- Make sure to check that students do not have egg allergies.
- Take a poll. "Will the egg break?" Use either real eggs, plastic eggs, or water balloons for this science experiment. Ask students to predict what will happen if the egg is dropped from a table, or if it lands on a blanket, etc.
- Reenact students' prediction on a pocket chart before each experiment.

Humpty Dumpty Rhyming game board showing two eggs. The left egg has a picture of a girl and the word 'book'. The right egg has a picture of a bear and the word 'shoe'.

Humpty Dumpty Science Experiment poll chart titled "Will the egg break?". It shows a grid with names: Damon, Stephan, Caroline, and Ronnie.

Humpty Dumpty
Word Family Pocket Chart

Day 4
Lesson plans

Being able to manipulate sounds in words is an important literacy skill for young pre-readers.

Objective:

- The students identify beginning sounds of rhyming words.

Activities:

- Print the -all pages, laminate and cut out.
- Place the -all word cards in a pocket chart.
- Hold up a picture and ask students to say the word, listening to the beginning sound.

Humpty Dumpty
Tens Frame Puzzles

Math
Center

Objective: Students will count sets to 20 and identify numbers 0-20.

Preparation: Print the Tens Frame Puzzles and laminate or mat as desired. Cut the puzzles apart on the middle line.

Procedure: Students count the dots, then find the matching number to assemble the puzzle.

Humpty Dumpty Word Family Pocket Chart showing three words: Ball, Call, and Hall.

Humpty Dumpty Tens Frame Matching center showing three eggs with tens frames. The first egg has the number 3 and the word 'three'. The second egg has the number 4 and the word 'four'.

Take-Home Mini Book
Foldable Emergent Readers

- Print a poem for each child.
- Fold the page into fourths - landscape first, then portrait. (You might give the page together for younger children.)
- Invite students to point to the words and recite the memorized poem.

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Nursery Rhyme

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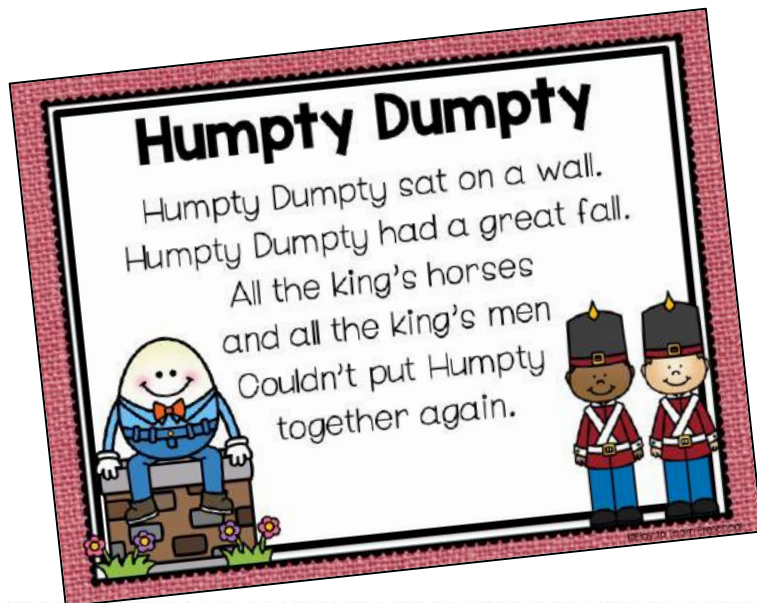
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Rhyming

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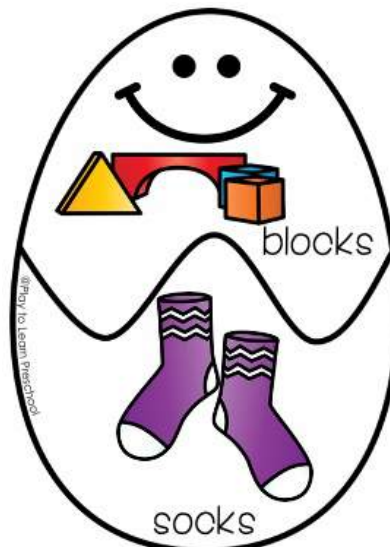
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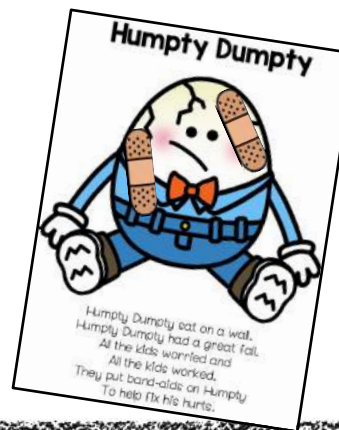
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Extension Idea:

The students will improve fine motor skills and hand strength. Copy a Humpty Dumpty page for each child. Purchase inexpensive adhesive bandages. After Humpty is colored, students open band-aids (using their fine motor skills) and attach them to the picture to fix poor Humpty. Always check for latex allergies or use latex free band-aids.



Will the egg break?	
yes 	no 
Damon	Stephan
Caroline	Bonnie
Elena	

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Word Family Pocket Chart

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- Find the letter that matches the beginning sound and place it in front of the -all to make the word.
- Read the list of rhyming words.

Extension Idea:

Teach the ASL sign for **egg**. Form the letter H with your pointer fingers on both hands. Put your right hand "H" on top of your left hand "H" then swipe hands down as if to break the egg.



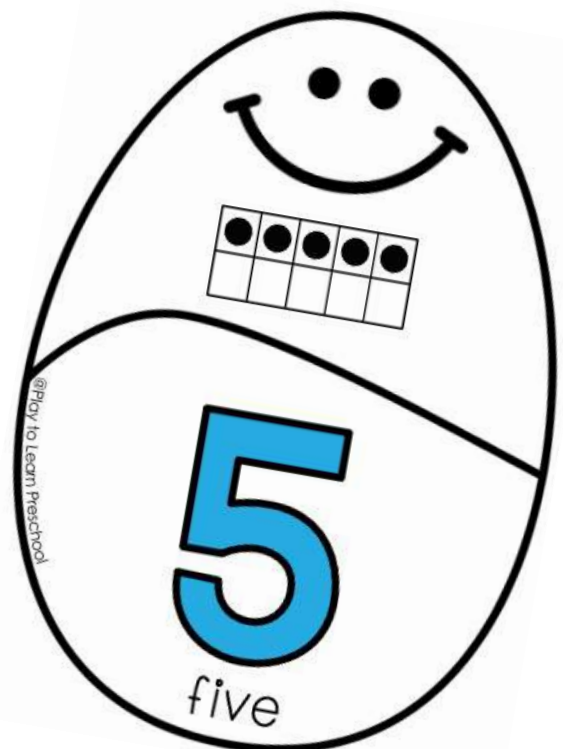
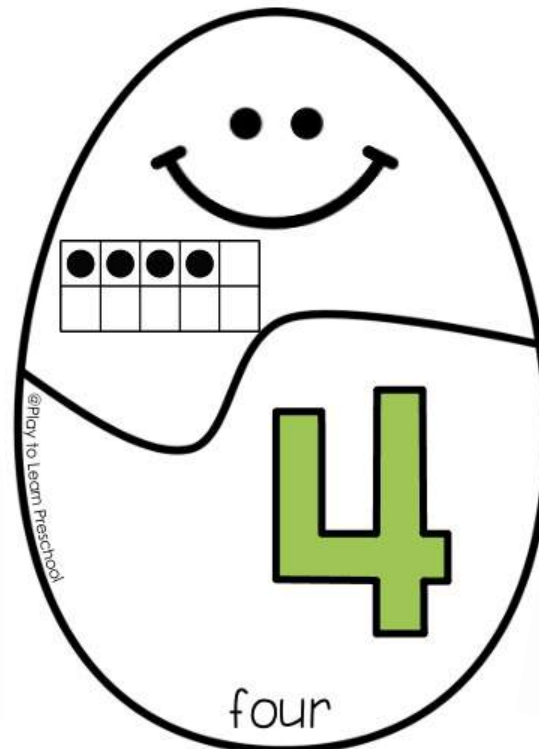
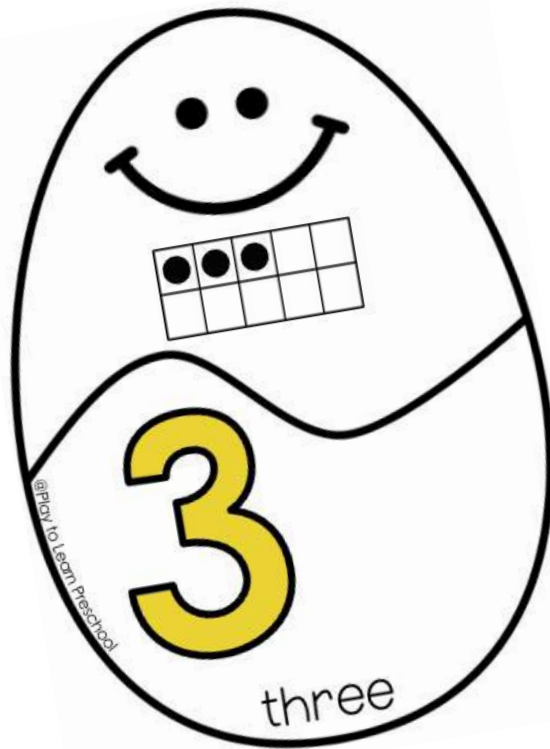
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