Books we shared today:

- **All Kinds of People**
  by Shelley Rotner and Shelia M. Kelly

- **Hey Baby!**
  by Andrea Pippins

- **Hello, My World**
  by Jannie Ho

Reading Readiness Tips:

When you read a book with a child, run your finger under some of the printed words as you say them. This lets them know that it is the word you are reading, not the picture. Without this guidance, children give 95% of their attention to the illustrations.

Counting with babies gives them a strong foundation for mathematical skills. Babies who are exposed to numbers have demonstrated that they understand numbers relate to quantity, even before they can verbalize it.

Incorporating these 2 practices into your routine will help children be more prepared to read and succeed!

Zoom Zoom Zoom

We are going to the moon
Zoom zoom zoom
We are leaving very soon.
So if you want to take a trip,
Climb aboard my rocket ship.
Zoom zoom zoom
We are going to the moon.
Zoom Zoom Zoom
We are leaving very soon
Five, Four, Three, Two One...blast off!

Resource Spotlight:

- **Best Books for Babies 2021:**
  CLP is excited to announce our 2021 Best Books for Babies list! These ten books offer a variety of benefits for babies aged birth to 18 months of age.

Pennsylvania Core Standards—English Language Arts

- Foundations Skills: CC.1.1.PK.A, B, C, D
- Reading Informational Text: CC.1.2.PK.A, B, C, E, F, G, I, J, K
- Writing: CC.1.4.PK.M, O, P
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Additional Activities

**Conversation to have this month**

**Best Books for Babies: Learning Begins at Birth!**

Every year, a group of children's specialists identify a list of new books which excel at encouraging caregivers to read to babies. This year 10 books were selected for this list, which encourage singing, tummy time, vocabulary, fine motor skills, parent-child bonding and more. These board books are widely available to check out from Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh locations throughout the city, and will be featured in our programming throughout the year.

**Letter Recognition**

**Alphabet Monsters**

- Paper Bags
- Scissors
- Markers or bingo dabbers
- Set of alphabet blocks or letters

Cut an oval into the bottom half of the wide side of a paper grocery bag. Draw eyes and decorate to transform the bag into a “letter monster”. In circle time, hand each child a block with the letter of their first name on it. Announce as you pass the letters out; “Layla starts with L”. Then bring out your “letter monster”. When you announce that the monster is hungry for a particular letter, encourage the child with that letter to “feed” it to the monster. Scaffold as needed.

**Gross Motor**

**Bubble Dance**

Take advantage of the outdoor weather and have a bubble party. You can even do this indoors if you have carpeting in your room. Turn on the bubble machine, and incorporate direction words and bubble popping. For instance you can tell your students to reach high to pop the bubble, to reach low to pop the bubbles, to spin around and pop the bubbles, etc. Or, alternatively you could count the bubbles as you pop them, and see if the children can get to 10.