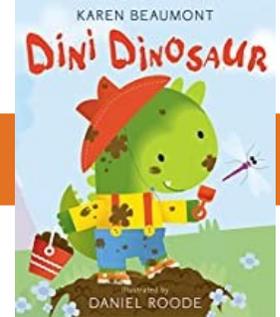
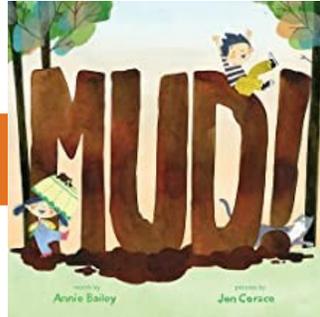


# TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



## tales' tip

"Scarves are very versatile and can be almost anything....When you **sing** and play with scarves at home, talk about what else the scarf could be and what you can do with it. This will help to develop your child's creativity and imagination."

Every Child Ready to Read tip cards

## activity

Take your child for a walk outside after a rain. How did the rain change things? What do you see? Do things look different? Do things smell differently?

Let your child explore mud and puddles, walking through wearing boots or poking with a stick. Remember, it's ok to get messy sometimes!

## digital fun

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5auCCvUdAs>

Watch this short video with your child to see a fun and simple messy sensory idea using homemade "mud." Try it at home!

## READ

[Sticky People](#) by Tony Johnston

[Edward Gets Messy](#) by Rita Meade

[Sloppy Takes the Plunge](#) by Sean Julian

[Get Out of My Bath!](#) by Britta Teckentrup

## PLAY

Blow bubbles for children to pop or catch. This is best done outside or on a carpeted area (to avoid slippery floors). Play music during this activity. Let your children be fun and silly while boosting their gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

## TALK

Play Simon Says to help increase talking and listening skills.

"Simon says squish the mud. Simon says stomp in the puddle. Simon says wash your arms." etc.

Be sure to give your child a turn to speak out as Simon.

## SING

### FIVE LITTLE PIGS

(Tune: Six Little Ducks)

Five little pigs rolled in the mud  
Squishy, squashy, squishy, squashy,  
Felt so good!

Then the farmer took one piggy out.  
"OINK, OINK, OINK,"

That piggy did shout!

(4, 3, 2, 1...)

No little pigs rolled in the mud.

They all looked so clean and good!

The farmer turned his back and then...

All those pigs rolled in mud again!

## WRITE

On a paper plate or tabletop, put a small pile of shaving cream and let your child move it around with their fingers. They can make letters, squiggles, or just squish it around as they strengthen their fine motor skills and enjoy a fun sensory experience. This activity cleans up very easily.