**We’re Going on a Bear Hunt**  
*By Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury*

Five simple practices (Read, Write, Talk, Sing, Play) that parents/caregivers can use to develop early literacy skills starting at birth.

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<td>Reading books together is the single best way to help children develop early literacy skills. Read together every day and talk about the books you read.</td>
<td>Writing activities help children learn letter names and sound out new words. Writing also helps children understand that written words represent ideas, places and events.</td>
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- Books about bears
- *Brown Bear Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Eric Carle
- *Bear Hunt* by Anthony Browne
- *Max and Ruby’s Treasure Hunt* by Rosemary Wells
- *We’re Going on A Ghost Hunt* by Susan Pearson
- *My Friend Bear* by Jez Alborough

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<td>Children learn how to express themselves, the meaning of words and other literacy skills by playing.</td>
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- Together draw a picture of your family and label each person. (In the story, a family goes on the adventure.)
- Rewrite the story together with your child making a new version such as “We’re Going on A Ghost Hunt” or “We’re Going on a Dinosaur Hunt” or write about a trip you took like “We’re Going to Grandma’s House.”

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<td>Talking with your child is one of the best ways to help develop language and other early literacy skills.</td>
<td>Find various objects that your child can go over or under or through.</td>
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<td>Make some brown playdough to represent mud. Use some plastic animals to make footprints in the mud. (Playdough recipe on back)</td>
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<td>Take some stuffed bears and hide them around the house and have your child go on a hunt to find them.</td>
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<td>Get outside and explore nature together. Talk about the grass and the mud and water. Enjoy!</td>
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<td>While eating a snack of pudding and teddy grahams, talk about things you know about bears.</td>
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**Songs to sing with your child…**

**Bear Song**
(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Hug, hug, hug your bear
Squeeze him very tight
Hold him high
Help him fly
Then hug with all your might.

**Time for Sleeping**
(Sing a Song of Sixpence)

Now it's time for sleeping,
The bears go in their caves.
Keeping warm and cozy, Time for lazy days.
When the snow is gone and the sun comes out to play,
The bears will wake up from their sleep and then go on their way.

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**Make Colored Playdough**

**Materials:**
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- ½ cup salt
- 1 tablespoon cream of tartar
- Food coloring
- Saucepan
- 1 cup flour

**Directions:**

1. Combine water, oil, salt, cream of tartar, and food coloring in saucepan and heat until warm.
2. Remove from heat and add flour.
3. Stir, then knead until smooth. The cream of tartar makes this dough last 6 months or longer, so resist the temptation to omit this ingredient.
4. Store this dough in an airtight container or a Ziploc freezer bag.

**ENJOY!**