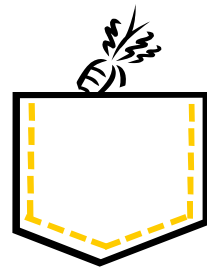


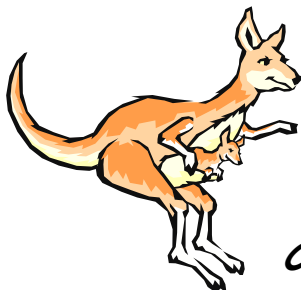
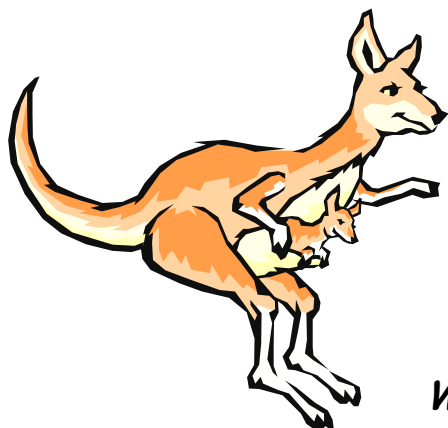
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# Opening the Gift



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## Plenty of Pockets



**BOING** by Nick Bruel

**Pouch!** By David Ezra Stein

**Bruno the Tailor** by Lars Klinting

**Max Cleans Up** by Rosemary Wells

**Carrot in My Pocket** by Kitson Flynn

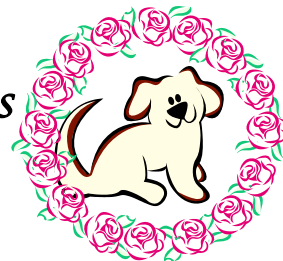
**Wiggling Pockets~Los Bosillos Saltarines** by Pat Mora

**What Did You Put In Your Pocket?** by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers



## Nursery Rhyme: Ring Around the Rosies

## Songs & Fingerplays to Share:



### Kangaroo, Kangaroo

*(Act out the actions)*

Kangaroo, kangaroo, bounce up and down.  
Kangaroo, kangaroo, touch the ground.  
Kangaroo, kangaroo, make your ears go flop.  
Kangaroo, kangaroo, now let's hop.  
Kangaroo, kangaroo, bend down low.  
Kangaroo, kangaroo, now jump just so.  
Kangaroo, kangaroo,  
here are your great big toes.

Kangaroo, kangaroo, now here we go!

*(hop around in a circle)*

*Storytimes...Plus! by Kay Lincycorn*

### Vegetable Rainbows

There are many colored vegetables,  
They are good for you.

Carrots are orange, let's eat a few.

Beans are green, let's try them, too.

Corn is yellow, tomatoes are red.

When you eat a rainbow,

You know you're well fed!

*preschoolexpress.com*

### The Funny Fat Frog

The funny fat frog,  
winkin' and a-blinkin'  
Getting so sleepy,  
sitting there thinkin'

All of a sudden

...he jumps!

*surialunefairytales.com*



### Pockets, Pockets

*(to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)*

Pockets, pockets everywhere.

What things do you keep in there?

Pennies, gumballs, keys, and notes;

Crayons, combs, and tiny boats.

Pockets, pockets everywhere –

Aren't you glad you have a pair?

### Something in My pocket

I've got something in my pocket,

It belongs upon my face.

I keep it very close to me,

In the most convenient place.

I bet you'll never guess it,

If you guess a long, long, while.

So I'll take it out and put it on,

It's a great big happy smile!

Your next visit will be February: \_\_\_\_\_

Next month's theme will be: "Love Bugs"

## More Books to Share:

*My Apron* by Eric Carle

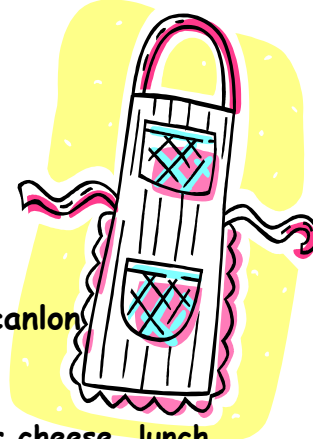
*The Pocket Dogs* by Margaret Wild

*A Pocket For Corduroy* by Don Freeman

*Peek In My Pocket* by David A. Carter

*Mommy In My Pocket* by Carol Hunt Sendarak

*A Sock Is A Pocket For Your Toes* by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon



## Activity Ideas:

**Kangaroo Pouches:** Press out individual refrigerated biscuits; add ingredients such as cheese, lunch meat and vegetables. Fold them over and bake as directed and you have a surprise snack in a pocket! *Storytimes...Plus!* by Kay Lincycomb

**Letter K Kangaroo Pockets:** Put on a carpenter's apron with lots of pockets. Tell the children that you need to fill the pockets with things that begin with the letter K. As they search, have them practice making the sound that the letter K makes. Once everyone has found an object, sit in a circle. Have each child come up one at a time and place their letter K item in one of the pockets of the apron. As they put the object in the pocket, say the name of the object and emphasize the sound the letter K makes at the beginning of the word. Repeat this activity any day the children are learning a new letter of the alphabet! *preschoolrock.com*



**Pockets of Love:** Cut a patch pocket from a favorite item of outgrown and worn-out children's clothing such as a jeans back pocket, a cute pocket from a well loved dress or a front pocket from a little boy's flannel shirt. Cut just next to the seam and along the top of the pocket. Have children use craft glue to decorate the front of the pocket with buttons, beads, sequins or bits of ribbon. Help children glue the ends of a ribbon to each corner to form a loop for hanging. Fill the pocket with chocolate kisses. These make great gifts and a wonderful keepsake of a favorite item of clothing! *funlessonplans.com*

## Book of the Month:

*Growing Up Global ~ Raising Children to Be At Home in the World*  
by Homa Sabet Tavangar

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Whether you're mastering a greeting in ten different languages, throwing an internationally themed birthday party, or celebrating a newfound holiday, *Growing Up Global* provides parents and children with a rich, exciting background for exploring and connecting with far-flung nations they may have only heard about on television. Includes fun activities, games, and suggestions for movies, music, books, magazines, service activities, and websites for expanding every family's worldview!



## Road to Reading Tip:

**Join Your Child in Pretend Play:** Pretending actually helps children develop language and literacy skills. They use new words and ways of speaking when they play different roles. They also practice making up stories, a skill that helps them understand books read aloud to them.

*pbs.org*

**QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?!** Call Melinda Chase, Bel Air Branch, at 410 638-3151, ext. **2279**.

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