



# TAKE-HOME STORYTIME: BACK TO SCHOOL



## A is For Alligator Rhyme

A is for alligator,  
Chomp, chomp, chomp  
B is for ball  
Bounce, bounce, bounce  
C is for circle  
Turn 'round and 'round.  
D is for dizzy  
Let's all sit down!

(yogibrarian.wordpress.com)

## Mary Had a Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb,  
Mary had a little lamb. Its fleece was white as snow.

Everywhere that Mary went, Mary went, Mary went,  
Everywhere that Mary went, the lamb was sure to go.

It followed her to school one day, school one day, school one day,  
It followed her to school one day, which was against the rules.

It made the children laugh and play, laugh and play, laugh and play,  
It made the children laugh and play to see the lamb at school!

## Counting Rhyme: Cuckoo Clock

Tick tock, tick tock,  
I'm a little cuckoo clock.  
Tick tock, tick tock,  
Now I'm striking one o'clock.  
Cuckoo! (jump once)

\*Repeat for two o'clock, three o'clock, etc, adding an additional "Cuckoo!" and jump each time.

## Activity: What's In My Backpack?

Place basic school supplies (scissors, notebook, crayons, glue, etc.) you have around the house into a backpack without your child seeing what's in it. Describe one item at a time to your child and see if they can guess what the school supply is before showing them!



## Alphabet Mural!

Draw an outline of all 26 letters across a big piece of kraft paper. It doesn't need to be in ABC order either; the letters can be drawn all over in any order. Set out craft supplies you may have at home, such as dot markers, tape, stickers, watercolors, etc. and decorate all of the letters! This makes a cool, educational piece of art that's fun to display.



## Way Up High in the Apple Tree



**Way up high in the apple tree** (lift your child high up overhead)

**Two little apples smiled down at me** (if your child is able, they can shape their hands into circles like apples)

**I shook that tree as hard as I could** (gently shake your child)

**Down came the apples** (lower your child down quickly)

**Mmmm, they were good!** (hugs and snuggles)

## Everyday Estimating

Make estimations during everyday routines! Here are some easy ways: Whenever you come to a stairway, pause and guess how many stairs there are. Then count as you walk up or down and see how close your guess was! Or when you arrive in a parking lot, guess how many cars in your row you'll pass before you reach the front door of the store.