

# 5 4 3 2 1 Countdown To Kindergarten

Countdown To Kindergarten suggests monthly activities to help prepare a child for Kindergarten.

## Monthly Activities

### December: Story Time



This can be a busy month, so try a simple activity together. Tell or read a familiar story or fairytale to your child. Change your voice for different characters. Help your child retell the story back to you or to another family member. If you have time, you can go to the library and get different versions of the same story, read them and talk about the differences. (For example, there are many versions of the Three Little Pigs.)

#### Other Ideas:

- To act out the story with simple puppets, draw a face on a paper plate and glue the plate to a popsicle stick.
- Talk to your child about when you were little, or talk about your heritage or traditions. Ask your child or children if they would like to start a new tradition that your family can do together. She if she/he has ideas. (It can be as simple a tradition as cooking or baking together, singing special songs or something outside the home, such as visiting people who are sick.)

#### Related Books:

- *Tell Me a Story Mama* by Angela Johnson
- *A Birthday Basket for Tia* by Pat More / Spanish version: *Una Canasta de Cumpleanos Para Tia*
- *Through Grandpa's Eyes* by Patricia MacLachlan
- *Los Tres Cerditos: Un Cuento Tradicional* by Margot Zemach
- Different versions of fairy tales such as *The Three Little Pigs* or *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*