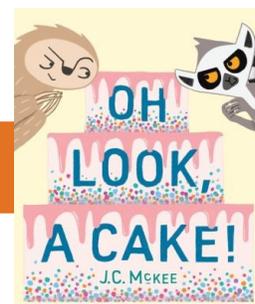
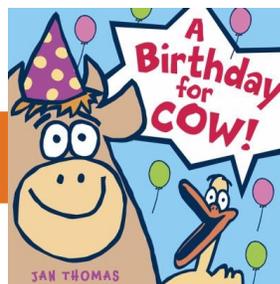
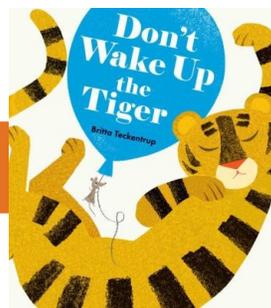


TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



tales' tip

"When you cook with your child, **talk** about what you are doing to help him understand all the steps involved. Such experiences serve children well when they try to understand the world around them."

(Every Child Ready to Read tip cards)

activity

Make pretend cakes from play dough. Use play or real dishes if you'd like—pretend to bake and decorate the cake. Talk about the steps in making a cake and which ingredients go into a real cake. Create a play dough candle or top it with a real birthday candle. Sing Happy Birthday to a stuffed animal or your child, and make a wish!

digital fun

How to Bake a Cake Kids' Style

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7D7-HtaTLo>

Watch a kid bake a cake! Talk about the steps in baking a cake (first, next, last).

READ

[Baby Cakes](#) by Theo Heras

[Bunny Cakes](#) by Rosemary Wells

[Maisy's Surprise Birthday Party](#)
by Lucy Cousins

[Shorty & Clem](#) by Michael Slack

[Spot Bakes a Cake](#) by Eric Hill

PLAY

Pretend play helps kids understand the world around them. Play "birthday party" with stuffed animals and talk about what happens at a party. Wrap up pretend presents with newspaper or blankets. Sing Happy Birthday and serve pretend cake. Play party games and have fun!

TALK

Talking builds a child's vocabulary, which will help them understand what they're reading later on. Have a conversation about the last birthday your child attended. Look at pictures from your child's last birthday and talk about what they point out.

SING

It's Your Birthday

(To the tune of: Skip to My Lou)

It's your birthday (*point to child*)
What'll I do? (*shrug shoulders*)
It's your birthday, what'll I do? (x2)
What'll I do for you, dear?
Share my cookie, (*hold fists together*)
break it in two, (*separate fists*)
Share my cookie, break it in two, (x2)
That's what I'll do for you, dear.
Wrap your present (*roll hands*)
with ribbons of blue,
Wrap your present with ribbons of
blue, (x2)
That's what I'll do for you, dear.
Give you a hug (*hug self*)
and kisses too, (*blow kiss*)
Give you a hug and kisses too, (x2)
That's what I'll do for you, dear.

WRITE

Make a pretend (or real) birthday card! Fold a piece of paper in half like a card. Have your child draw pictures on the front; help them write a message inside to a family member, stuffed animal, or book character. Kids can practice writing their name at the bottom or a grown-up can help or show them how.