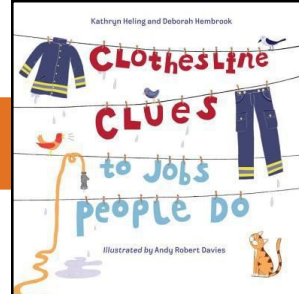
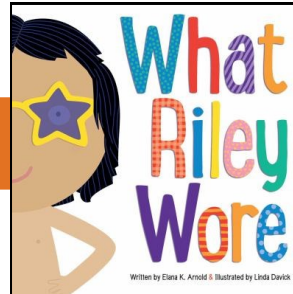


TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



tales' tip

Many of your child's daily activities—like getting dressed, eating, and writing—require control of small muscles in the hands. We call these skills fine motor skills. Your child can do more things for himself when he has opportunities to practice these skills. —[NAEYC](#)

activity

Play “Get Dressed Hide and Seek”! Once the clothes for the day are chosen and laid out, have your child stay in their room and get dressed while you “hide”. Once dressed, they can come and find you! Pro tip: Hide nearby so you can help them if they need it, then close the door and have them count to 5 before they come out so you have time to hide again.

digital fun

Podcasts are not just for adults anymore! If your child loves to listen to stories, you should check out the [Blues Clues & You: Storytime with Josh & Blue](#) podcast. This is great for car rides or to wind down before bedtime in the evening!

READ

[Whose Shoes?: A Shoe For Every Job](#)

by Stephen R. Swinburne

[Naked!](#)

by Michael Ian Black

[Those Are Not My Under-pants!](#)

by Melissa Martin

PLAY

Be a Junior Mechanic! Collect large bolts, matching nuts, and washers. Your child will enjoy matching the bolt to the nut and twisting them together.

TALK

Talk about the weather while you help your child pick out their clothes. Ask them questions about what they see and feel outside. Do we wear long sleeves or short sleeves when it is hot outside? What kind of shoes do we need to run outside today?

SING

We Get Dressed Everyday

(Tune: *The Mulberry Bush*)

This is the way we put on our shirt,
Put on our shirt, put on our shirt.

This is the way we put on our shirt,
We get dressed everyday!

Additional Verses:

Button our shirt, put on our pants, put on our shoes, put on our hat, etc.

WRITE

Let your child practice putting on their clothes and focus on zipping, buttoning, and putting on their own shoes. These activities build fine motor skills that will help your child with writing in school!