

Madison Public Library's

Storytime Starters

"Hooray for Three"

Books for Toddlers:

Mama Cat has Three Kittens by Denise Fleming, © 1998. (FAVORTIES, Fleming)

Stack the Cats by Susie Ghahremani, © 2017. (CONCEPTS, Ghahremani)

Every Little Thing by Bob Marley, © 2012. (BOARD, Marley)

Uno, Dos, Tres; One Two Three by Pat Mora, © 1996. (CONCEPTS, Mora)

The Twins' Little Sister by Hyewon Yum, © 2014. (GROWING, Yum)

Books for Preschoolers:

Triangle by Mac Barnett, © 2017. (FAVORITES, Barnett)

Love, Triangle by Marcie Colleen, © 2017. (FAVORITES, Colleen)

One of Three by Angela Johnson, © 1991. (GROWING, Johnson)

The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Jerry Pinkney, © 2017. (FOLK, Pinkney)

Three Little Kittens by Jerry Pinkney, © 2010. (RHYMES, Pinkney)

Animals of the Rain Forest by Mrs. Castrova's Kindergarten Class 2016-17, © 2017.

(ADVANCED, Thoreau) - a book in 3 languages.

The Three Pigs by David Wiesner, © 2001. (FAVORITES, Wiesner)

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs by Mo Willems, © 2012. (FAVORITES, Willems)

Trio: The Tale of a Three-legged Cat by Andrea Wisniewski, © 2017. (FAVORITES, Wiesner)

Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas by Natasha Yim, © 2014. (FOLK, Yim)

School-Age Extension:

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka, © 1989. (STORIES, Daywalt)

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Fingerplays & Songs :

Show me ____

One, one, show me one.

Two, two, show me two.

Three, three, show me three.

Show me ____ right now (choose any number or your bellybutton for fun!)

(From: Jbrary [Count Em Up Storytime](#))

**Alice the Camel has 3 Humps
(modified)**

Alice the camel has three humps.

Alice the camel has three humps.

Alice the camel has three humps.

So go, Alice, go.

Alice the camel has two humps.

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Alice the camel has one hump.

...

Alice the camel has no humps.

...

Cause Alice was a horse.

(From: [Jbrary](#))

My Hat it has 3 Corners

My hat, it has three corners,

Three corners has my hat

And had it not three corners,

It would not be my hat.

Actions:

My - Point to self

Hat - Point to head

Three - Hold up three fingers

Corners - Bend arm and point to elbow

(sing 3 times with movements.
Progressively eliminating words
and using just actions.)

(From [Kididdles](#)) and
[MyMissNina.com](#)

I'm a little cuckoo clock

Tick tock, tick tock, I'm a little
cuckoo clock.

Tick tock, tick tock, now it's
one o'clock.

Cuckoo! (jump once)

(Continue with two, three,
o'clock.)

(From: [Librarian Lisa's
Storytime](#))

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STAFF ONLY

Big Book: *Friends* by Helme Heine

Flannel Boards: The Three Little Pigs, Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Three Little Kittens, Triceratops

Prop Stories: Let's Play "Three Little Pigs"

Movies: *The Three Snow Bears* by Jan Brett, *Katie Loves the Kittens* by John Himmelman

App: Goldilocks and Little Bear by Nosy Crow, *Tripletto* by Studio Lassa

Stamps: Three Hearts, Three Cooties!

Craft: Triangle Art: Pass out paper, glue, crayons, googly eyes and triangle pieces. What animal can you make from using triangles? **Number 3 Sticker/Stamp Sheet:** Works on small motor skills. Pass out sheet and little stickers. Have the little ones place the stickers inside the # 3. (Could also use small stamps)

Play Literacy: Sound Play with Triangles. Count the sides of each triangle. Use the three different sized triangles to explore the different sounds that they make. Ask the kids if they can hear the 3 different pitches?

Early Learning Tip: Create New Endings! Most fairytales are great to extend. Start with the stories you know, and imagine what happens later, after the story has finished. Have kids imagine themselves in these stories!