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**Storytime Starters**

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**Books For Toddlers:**

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*Go Away Big Green Monster* by Ed Emberly, 1992. (FAVORITES Emberley)  
*Skeleton Hiccups* by Margery Cuyler, 2002. (STORIES Cuyler)  
*Go to Bed Monster!* by Natasha Wing, 2007. (STORIES Wing)  
*Ghosts in the House* by Kazuno Kohara, 2008. (CELEBRATE Kohara)  
*Tickle Monster*, by Edouard Manceau, 2014. (GROWING Manceau)  
*Monster Hug*, David Ezra Stein, 2007. (STORIES stein)  
*Monster & Son*, David LaRochelle, 2016. (FAVORITES LaRochelle)  
*Romping Monster, Stomping Monster*, Jane Yolen. 2013 (FAVORITES Yolen)  
*Even Monsters*. AJ Smith, 2014. (FAVORITES Smith)  
*Bunnies!!!*, by Kevan Atteberry, 2015. (STORIES Attebery)

**Books For Preschoolers:**

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*Leonardo the Terrible Monster* by Mo Willems, 2005. (FAVORITES Willems)  
*Mrs. McMurphy's Pumpkin* by Rick Walton, 2004. (CELEBRATE Walton)  
*Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak, 1963. (FAVORITES Sendak)  
*Three Little Ghosties* by Pippa Goodhart, 2007. (CELEBRATE Goodhart)  
*How to Potty Train Your Monster* by Kelly DiPucchio, 2009. (GROWING DiPucchio)  
*If You're a Monster and You Know It* by Rebecca Emberley and Ed Emberley, 2010.  
(RHYMES Emberley)  
*Jumpy Jack and Googily* by Meg Rosoff, 2008. (FAVORITES Rosoff)  
*Love Monster*, by Rachel Bright, 2012. (++) Bright)  
*Fright Club*, by Ethan Long, 2015 (CELEBRATE Long)  
*Monster Trouble*, by Lane Fredrickson, 2015 (GROWING Fredrickson)

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**School Age Extension**

*Mind your Monsters*, by Catherine Bailey, 2015 (ADVANCED Bailey)

*Marisol McDonald and the Monster*, 2016 (BILNG Brown)

*If Your Monster Won't go the Bed*, 2016 (GROWING Vega)

**Fingerplays & Songs :**

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**Scary Eyes\*\***

See my big and scary eyes (circle fingers around eyes)

Look out for a big surprise!

BOO! (quickly remove fingers)

Now the spider's on my stomach, on my stomach...oh he's just a dumb old lummock...

Now the spider's on my neck, on my neck...oh I'm gonna be a wreck!

**There's a Spider on the Floor (Raffi)**

(from <http://scls-staff.kohalibrary.com/cgi-bin/koha/catalogue/detail.pl?biblionumber=148263>)

There's a spider on the floor, on the floor,  
There's a spider on the floor, on the floor,  
Who could ask for any more than a spider on the floor?

There's a spider on the floor, on the floor.

Now the spider's on my leg, on my leg...oh he's really, really big, this old spider on my leg...

Now the spider's on my face, on my face...what a big disgrace!

Now the spider's on my head...Oh I wish that I were dead!

**Ten Little Monsters** (tune: 10 Little Indians)

One little, two little, three little monsters,  
Four little, five little, six little monsters,  
Seven little, eight little, nine little monsters,

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Ten monsters can't scare me!

**Five Little Pumpkins (Raffi)**

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Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate  
The first one said, "My it's getting late."  
The second one said, "There are witches  
in the air."  
The third one said, "I don't care."  
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run  
and run."  
The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some  
fun."  
"Wooo-oo-ooo" went the wind  
And out (clap) went the light  
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of  
sight.

**Action Song:** *Horns, Fangs, Knees and  
Claws* (Head, shoulders, knees & toes)

Horns, fangs  
Knees and claws  
Knees and claws.  
Horns, fangs

Knees and claws  
Knees and claws.  
Eyes and ears and tail and paws  
Horns, fangs  
Knees and claws  
Knees and claws.  
Source: [King County Library Wiki](#)

Rhyme:

*"Monsters Galore"* *Monsters galore, can  
you roar? (Roar.) Monsters galore, can  
you soar? (Flying motions.) Monsters  
galore, please shut the door.  
(Clap.) Monsters galore, fall on the floor!  
(Sit/fall down.)*  
Credit: [SurLaLune Storytime](#)

**"Monster Hunt"**

*source: Perry Public Library*  
We're going on a monster hunt.  
We're going to find a big one!  
We're not scared, but –  
What if he's under the bed?  
(Pretend to peek under bed)  
Better go over it,  
squooosh, squooosh, squooosh.

What if he's in the closet?  
(Pretend to open door)  
Better close it, SLAM!  
(Clap hands loudly)

What if he's behind the curtains?  
(peek through hands)  
Better open them, SWISH!  
(fly hands apart)

(continue through other parts of the

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house)  
Shhh! (put finger to lips)What's  
That????Aahh! It's a monster!

(go back through all the parts of the house  
and jump into bed! Pull the covers up over  
your head.)

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**STAFF ONLY**

**Big Book:**

**Flannel Boards:**

*So many monsters hiding in the house*

*Five sea monsters went out to play*

*Ten Little Monsters*

*Mrs. Mcmurphy's Pumpkin*

**Play Literacy:** Sing along with *If You're a Monster and You Know It*

Monster stories and songs are just begging to be acted out. Encourage kids to roar, pretend they have claws and tails, and play along with the books.

**Prop Stories:** *Go Away Big Green Monster*

**Movies:** *Where the Wild Things Are, There's a Nightmare in my Closet, Leonardo the Terrible Monster, Creepy Carrots*

**Stamps:** Jack-o-lanterns

**Literacy Tip**

Children have BIG imaginations. This can be great, but also can make them scared of the dark or unknown. Making things like monsters silly and fun or even normal can be a way to help them manage those fears.

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**Craft Ideas:**

Monsters come in all shapes and sizes. Can you create a creepy monster with the supplies we have here today? How many legs will it have? How many eyes? Will it have horns or fangs? Will it be soft or slippery? Talk about things monsters have or revisit pictures in the books to see. (Ideal Materials – pipe cleaners, google eyes, possibly toilet paper tubes)

