

Theme: Easter for Babies and Toddlers

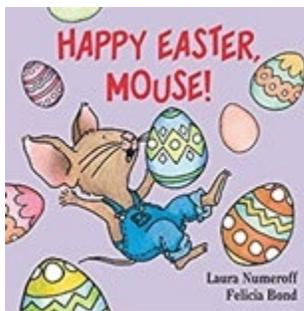
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Hello StrongStart families,

Today's email is put together by Teacher Issette (from Mount Pleasant).

Did you know that Easter was the ancient goddess of Spring? She brought new light and life into the world after the long, dark sleep of Winter. Now, Easter is a fun celebration often associated with bunnies, eggs and chocolate!

First, let's read "Happy Easter Mouse" by Laura Numeroff - <https://youtu.be/R243Y4fUtHQ>



After our book, it's time to play and explore. Purchase some plastic Easter eggs from the dollar store. Find various materials to fill the Easter eggs. Focus on the five senses so for example, cheerios for taste (and sound if you shake it) and fabric scraps for touch. **Children should be supervised as some items may be a choking hazard.** Show your child how to open the eggs and allow them to explore!

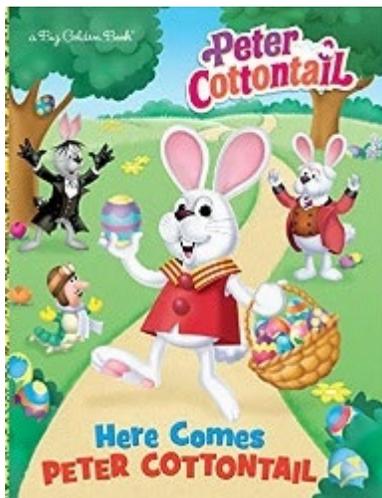


Now, it's time for a movement song. This one is called "Sleeping Bunnies" by the Kiboomers - <https://youtu.be/E48VnTqEDec>. It's a fun song to hop too!

*See the little bunnies sleeping till it's nearly noon (children lie down still)
Come and let us gently wake them with a merry tune.
Oh so still, are they ill?*

*Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop (children hop on a spot)
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop
Hop little bunnies, hop and stop!*

Another bunny song is called "Her Comes Peter Cottontail" by the Kiboomers - <https://youtu.be/q7UXYvRRZFc>



Another activity for young children is to use stuffed animals from your home. Gather your bunnies and bears in a basket. You can count them, make a pile, toss them or hide-and-seek with them!



For our last activity, let's paint some Easter eggs. Draw or print out the template attached. You can put painter's tape over the egg to create different patterns. You can try various painting utensils like paint brushes, sponges, Q-tips, etc.



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