

Theme: Easter for Preschoolers

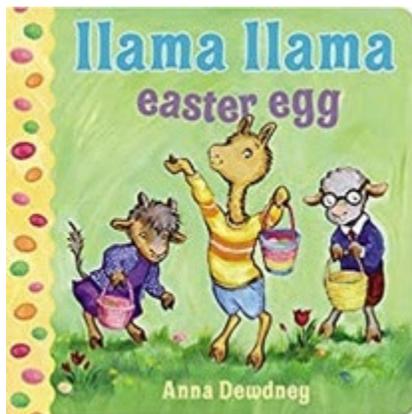
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Hello StrongStart families,

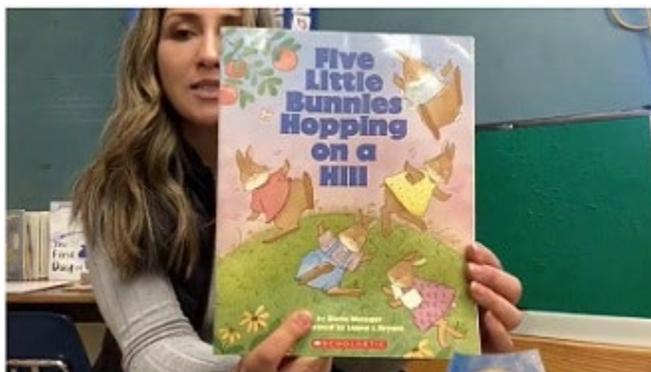
Today's email is put together by Teacher Issette (from Mount Pleasant).

Easter is a festival of light, life and renewal. It is often associated with the arrival of spring. The weather gets warmer, animals produce their next batch of young and nature is awakening! Here are some more Easter activities for you to do at home.

First, let's read "Llama Llama Easter Egg" by Anna Dewdney - <https://youtu.be/29IBmFICqts>



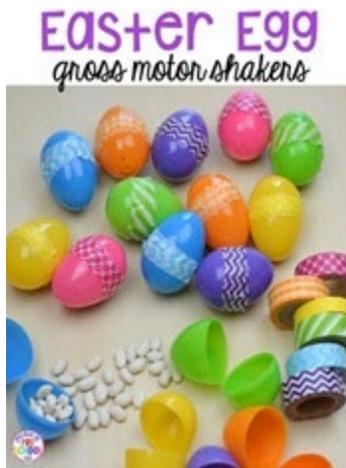
Then, let's join Teacher Issette for an Easter themed circle time where she does a bunny rhyme and reads "Five Little Bunnies Hopping on a Hill" by Steve Metzger - <https://youtu.be/BdCX1GIGNcw>



Easter Circle Time with Teacher Issette

After circle, let's make some Easter egg shakers. We can reuse those Easter eggs from last post for this activity. You will also need some tape and some filling (e.g., rice, beans, beads or anything that can shake and make sounds).

Fill the eggs with rice or beans. Tape it closed and ask the children to decorate the shakers with stickers or paint. You can also create a handle for your shaker by taping two plastic spoons around the egg (so it's like the spoons are cupping the egg).



Now, let's use those shakers for our next song! It's called "The Way the Bunny Hops" (to the tune "Wheels on the Bus") by the Kiboomers - <https://youtu.be/hb9tt7LiYrc>. My children love how catchy this song is!

*This is the way he flops his ears,
Flop, flop, flop.
Flop, flop, flop.
This is the way he flops his ears,
On Easter day!*

*Repeat with "the bunny hops - hop, hop, hop", "wiggles his nose - wiggle, wiggle, wiggle",
"shakes his tail - shake, shake, shake".*



For our last activity, we will be painting a bunny! Print the template attached. You can decorate this bunny with whatever you have around the house - markers, paint, stickers, cotton balls, bingo dabbers, etc!



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