**STORYTIME @ HOME GUIDES**

**MIGHTY MICE**

**Fingerplays and Songs**

**Boing! Boing! Squeak!**

A bouncing mouse is in my house. He's been here for a week. He bounced on in from nowhere and quickly settled in. I'm glad he came alone. I've heard he has a twin.

He bounces in the kitchen. (Lean to one side)

He bounces in the den. (Lean to the other side)

He bounces in the living room. Look! There he goes again!

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**Read Aloud Stories**

As you enjoy these read aloud stories with your child, ask them open-ended questions about the stories. Open-ended questions help children to think more deeply about the world around them.

**The Gruffalo** by Julia Donaldson

A clever mouse tells the forest animals about a terrifying creature in order to stay safe. Did the animals believe there was a gruffalo at first? Did the mouse? What do you think the mouse and gruffalo will do now?

**Mouse Mess** by Linnea Riley

A hungry mouse leaves a huge mess when it goes in search of a snack. What was your favorite part of this story? Did you notice all of the rhyming words in this book? How many words can you find that rhyme?

**The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear** by Don Wood

A little mouse keeps the big hungry bear from eating the strawberry he picked. Do you think there really was a bear? Why or why not? How would you have kept the strawberry safe?

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Fun Activities To Try At Home!

Letter knowledge is an early literacy skill that helps children learn how to read. One fun way to improve your child’s letter knowledge is to create art using letters. Use the letter M to create a cute mouse, like this one from crystalandcomp.com.

Materials -

- a brown or gray letter M cut from construction paper
- circles for the mouse’s ears
- 6 short strips cut from black construction paper
- 2 googly eyes (or pencil or crayon)
- 1 pink pom pom (or crayon)
- glue stick
- school glue
- white construction paper

Glue down the letter M to the paper.

Add the circles at the top points of the M.

Glue down three whiskers on each side. Make sure they start at the center point of the M.

Use the school glue to attach the pom pom nose or draw and color one.

Glue down the googly eyes or draw and color eyes, and you’re done!