

# Ruby's Report

Activities for Babies & Toddlers  
from Ruby the Raccoon and the  
Saint Paul Public Library



Ruby is a Folkmanis puppet who loves books, songs, the library, and learning new things.

**Welcome Parents and Caregivers!** - The activities, rhymes, and songs in this newsletter are designed not only to be fun for you to read and explore with your child, but also to be tools for building your child's speaking and reading skills. Enjoy!

## Ruby's Day



When it is cold outside, Ruby likes to bake. She had a fun adventure recently when she baked cookies with her grandpa over a video call. (He lives far away, so they couldn't bake together in person.) Ruby's grown-ups helped her make oatmeal raisin cookies in their kitchen, while Ruby's grandpa made them at the same time in his kitchen. He has two pieces of advice from his first-ever cookie baking experience. First, make sure to place the cookies far enough apart on the baking sheets, and second, don't make the cookies too big. Otherwise you could end up with two GIANT cookies like he did! What would you like to bake?

## Ruby's Rhyme



Someone's in the kitchen with Ruby.  
Someone's in the kitchen; I know.  
Someone's in the kitchen with Ruby,  
Playing on the old banjo.



**Literacy Note for Grown-Ups** - Substitute your child's name for Ruby's and sing this rhyme to the tune of "I'll Be Working on the Railroad." Children love to hear their names in songs!

**Literacy Note for Grown-Ups** - Toddlers love to help with baking, and will enjoy dumping and stirring ingredients together. Encourage your children to focus on their senses while baking, such as smelling and tasting ingredients, and touching batter and dough. As you bake, don't forget to engage your children in a conversation about the process to foster language development.

## Ruby's Nature Corner

Ruby's been noticing that there aren't many leaves left on the trees by her house now that the weather is getting colder. What changes do you see outside?



Can you find an oven mitt, a mixer, a whisk, and a tree on this page?