

Ruby's Report

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



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 Rhyme

One of Ruby's favorite things to eat is toast - especially with butter and jam - and she always says this rhyme while she waits for her bread to toast.

Toast in the toaster,
Getting very hot.
Tick-tock, tick-tock,
Up you pop!



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

Ruby's Day

It's time for lunch! What is Ruby eating for lunch today? You're right! A sandwich. She really likes vegetables, so her sandwich has cheese, tomato, lettuce, and peppers on it. Yum! How many sandwiches do you see on Ruby's table? Who do you think will be joining her for lunch? When you get ready for lunch, try reciting the following rhyme, substituting your name for Ruby's, and adding what you will be eating off of your plate for her sandwich.



1, 2, 3, 4. Ruby's at the kitchen door.
5, 6, 7, 8. Eating a sandwich off a plate.

Literacy Note for Grown-Ups - Talking with your child is a powerful way to enhance both your child's intellectual and social-emotional development, and mealtime provides a great opportunity for conversation. You can share new vocabulary while cooking, and affirm relationships over mealtime conversations, setting the stage for life-long family meal habits. So cook and talk up a storm!

For more resources for babies and toddlers, visit SPPL's Little Learners at Home web page: <https://sppl.org/little-learners/>.

Can you find
a tomato, a
toaster, a chunk
of cheese, and a
bird on this
page?



Ruby's Nature Corner

Did you know that birds store food in warm weather so that they will have enough to eat during the winter? Insects in tree bark, tree sap, and bird feeders are other sources of winter food for birds, while they wait for spring to come. When you are outside, look for birds and see if you can notice them eating or looking for food. What do you see?