

Goodnight Moon

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before five in a row

GOODNIGHT moon

a Before Five in a Row [©] Fold and Learn



WELCOME

The following pages contain several activities designed to enhance your *Before Five in a Row* learning experience. Each *Before Five in a Row* Fold-and-Learn will contain the following elements:

Songs, Rhymes and Fingerplays

Songs, rhymes and fingerplays are fun for preschool children and for that reason alone they are extremely valuable! In addition to being fun, such activities are the earliest building blocks of literacy. As you enjoy these activities with your child he or she develops auditory skills and memory, learns to recognize rhyme and rhythm patterns, as well as working on hand/eye coordination. When appropriate, we hope to include a song, rhyme or fingerplay with each *Before Five in a Row* title for you to learn along with your child.

Learning Games

For the preschool age child, learning and exploration are ongoing! Setting aside a few short periods of focused play each day are a wonderful way to connect with your child and provide a predicable rhythm to your days at home. Games provide opportunities to introduce colors, numbers and letter recognition as well as social skills such as turn taking and self-control.

Arts & Crafts

Art is a wonderful way for preschoolers to explore colors and textures. So many skills emerge during artistic pursuits...we can't stress this point enough...art should be a part of every preschoolers day!

It's a Great Big World

The Animal Classification Game is such a fun part of *Before Five in a Row*! We hope to include real photographs of the animals mentioned in the stories. Print these cards on cardstock and help your child begin a collection. Such activities will encourage your child to begin recognizing familiar people, places and objects in the stories you share together. If you'd like, store your Fold and Learn in a pocket folder or you can attach an envelope or Ziploc bag to a file folder to store your game pieces. Use the title page to create a cover so you can find it easily. Whatever you decide to do, enjoy your *Before Five in a Row* Fold and Learn!

Blessings...from our family to yours!

RHYMING PAIRS MATCHING GAME

Use the rhyming picture/word game cards on the following pages to play a game with your child. Print the cards, cut them apart and then work together to match the rhyming pairs.

house



mouse



balloon



moon



bear



chair



kitten



mitten



hush



Rhyming game cards continued...

mush



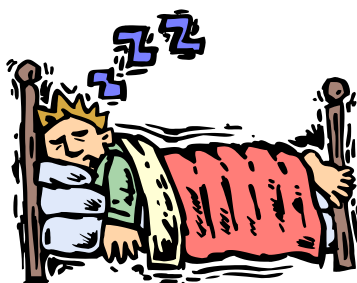
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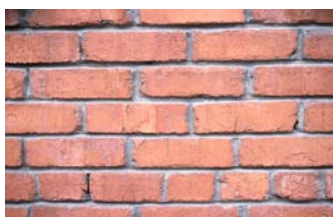
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A Fingerplay - Big Yellow Moon

Big yellow moon shines so bright, (Arms above head in circle shape.)

Glides across the starry night, (Arms move from left to right.)

Looks down at me (Hand shades eyes.) Asleep in bed, (Hands together at side of face.)

Whispers, "Good night, sleepyhead." (Forefinger in front of mouth.)

Big yellow moon, your turn is done. (Arms above head move down in front of body.)

Here comes Mr. Morning Sun. (Arms move above head in circle shape.)

I wake up. (Arms stretch out.) You go to bed. (Hands together at side of face.)

"Sleep well, Moon, you sleepyhead." (Forefinger in front of mouth.)



ANIMAL CLASSIFICATION

[for more information on using these cards, refer to your Before Five in a Row manual, page 30.]



[deer] MOUSE

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Chordata

Subphylum: Vertebrata

Class: Mammalia

Order: Rodentia

Suborder: Myomorpha

Family: Cricetidae

Subfamily: Neotominae

Genus: Peromyscus

Species: Peromyscus maniculatus



COW

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Chordata

Class: Mammalia

Order: Artiodactyla

Family: Bovidae

Subfamily: Bovinae

Genus: Bos

Species: Bos primigenius

Subspecies: B. p. taurus

Before I go to bed...

**Take a
bath**



**Brush
my teeth**



**Read a
book**



**Say my
prayers**



Use the words and pictures provided to talk about bedtime routines with your child. Print this page and glue it to some colored cardstock or construction paper. Add stickers or other decorations and your child's name. Use the blank space to add a chore or a special bedtime tradition in your family. [You may wish to laminate it so your child can use a dry erase marker or a crayon to check off the items each night and then wipe them off in the morning.]

Be sure to place your new chart where you and your child can see it each night.

Make these delicious moon pie cookies with your child for a yummy treat.



MOON PIE COOKIES

Ingredients:

1/2 cup butter, softened
1 cup white sugar
1 egg
1 cup evaporated milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup marshmallow creme

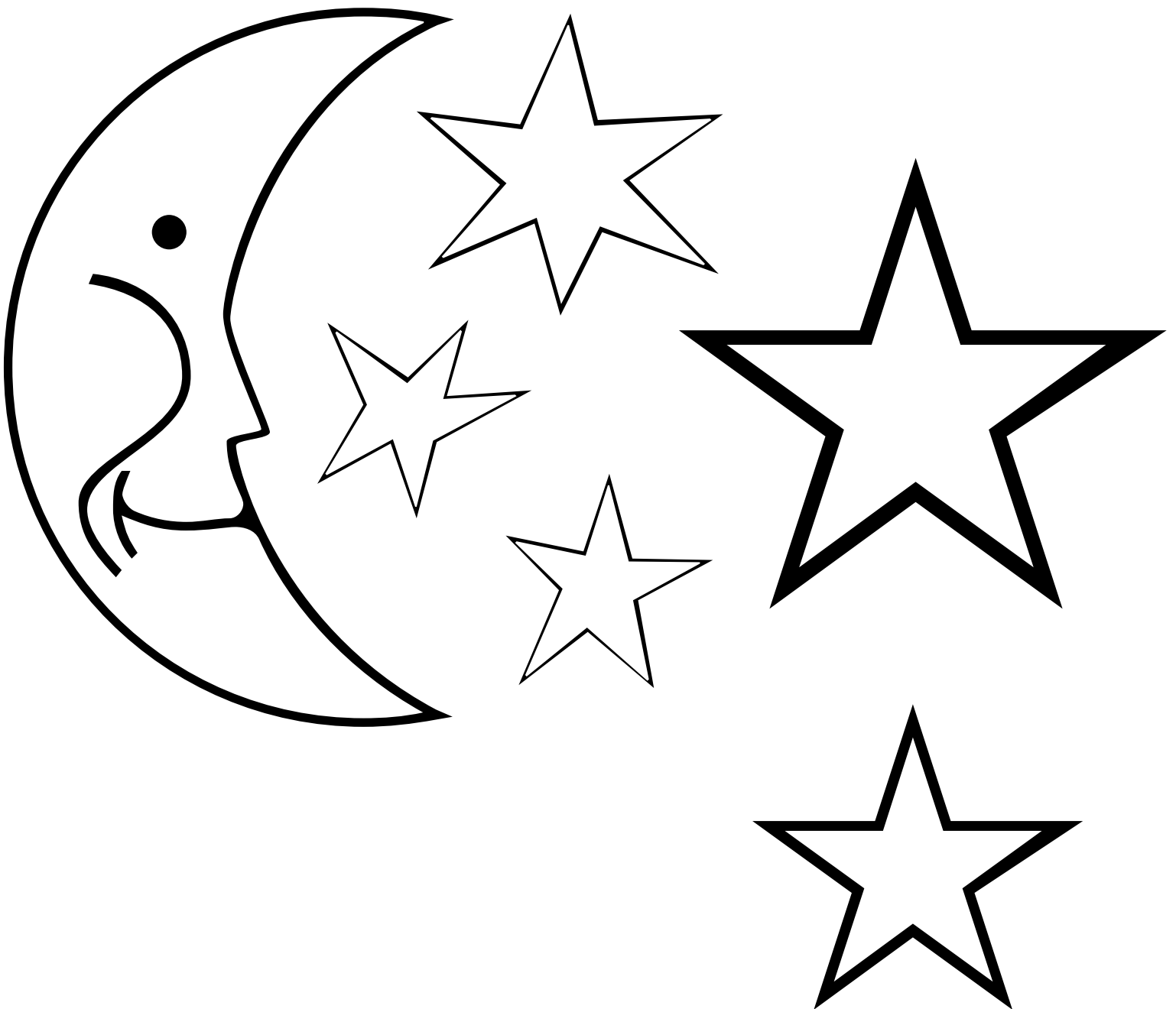
Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Lightly grease a cookie sheet.
2. To Make Cookie Crusts: In a large mixing bowl, cream together 1/2 cup butter or margarine and white sugar. Add egg, evaporated milk, and vanilla. Mix well. In a separate bowl, mix together flour, salt, cocoa powder, baking soda, and baking powder. Add flour mixture slowly to sugar mixture while stirring. Mix just until all ingredients are combined.
3. Drop the dough onto greased cookie sheet by rounded tablespoonfuls. Leave at least 3 inches in between each one; dough will spread as it bakes.
4. Bake in preheated oven for 6 to 8 minutes, until firm when pressed with finger. Allow to cool at least one hour before filling.
5. To Make Marshmallow Filling: In a medium mixing bowl, blend together 1/2 cup butter or margarine, confectioners' sugar, flavored extract, and marshmallow creme. Mix until smooth. Assemble pies by spreading 1 to 2 tablespoonfuls of filling on flat side of a cookie crust, then covering filling with flat side of another cookie crust.

MOON AND STARS MOBILE CRAFT

[supplies: two 12 inch wooden dowels, fishing line or ribbon, moon and stars pattern, colored cardstock or markers and glitter, etc.]

Take two wooden dowels and cross them to form a cross and secure them with tape or string- this will be the mobile that you will hang your moon and stars from. Cut out a variety of stars and a moon from colored paper and white paper in all shapes and sizes. Decorate them and let them dry. Next cut a variety of ribbon pieces of different lengths or use fishing line if you want the illusion of floating and attach one end to each star and the moon and the other end to the mobile and secure them in place so the mobile balances. Tie a piece of string around the cross-section to allow you to hang the mobile in the perfect spot.



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