



## Ten Apples Up on Top

After reading this rhyming and counting book, play a fun game with your child. You will need a die and a good number of small blocks or Unifix cubes (if they can be in the colors of apples —red, yellow, or green, that would be great!). The game is simple! Each player rolls the dice and creates a tower of that many blocks or cubes. The first player to balance 10 blocks or cubes wins the game! You can increase the number of balances to make the game more challenging. A great way to teach your child counting and early addition!





## Mr. Brown can Moo? Can you?

This book is full of sounds for your child to repeat, just like Mr. Brown does! After reading the book, make an outdoor music wall for your child to hear and make even more sounds. Use part of an existing fence or a wooden pallet for the backboard. Then, attach old pots or pans, muffin tins, PVC pipes, a vegetable grater, a washboard, basically, any items you have that can create a sound. You can attach them to the backboard by tying, gluing, or screwing them on. Then, give your child a variety of “drumsticks” such as old wooden or metal spoons, a whisk, or just real sticks found on the ground. Now, let the beautiful music begin!



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## Dr. Seuss's ABC

There are so many fun ways to learn the ABCs, and reading this book is one of them! Another activity your child can do is help make some ABC pies! Divide paper plates into sections of however many triangular sections as you like. In each section, write one uppercase letter of the alphabet. Now, using construction paper, cut matching-sized triangles for each section on the paper plates. On these triangles, write one lowercase letter of the alphabet. Your child can add glitter or stickers to the written letters to make these pieces of the pie look even more delicious! Now, help your child match the pieces of pie with the lowercase letters to the plates with the uppercase letters on them. When they are done, they will have a couple of ABC pies to dig into and then match them all again!



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## Oh, the Thinks you can Think!

Open-ended art experiences can help your child THINK of so many creative things! Keep a box full of “loose parts”-extra buttons, different types of paper, gift bags, ribbons, paper towel rolls, cereal boxes - anything that could be used to make something else. Of course, add all types of tape and glue and let your child create a new toy, piece of artwork, or any other invention they can THINK of! Keep filling the box with new items so each time your child is ready to create something, they have a variety of materials to choose from!



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