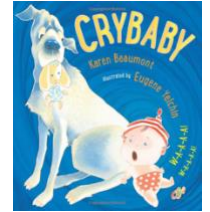
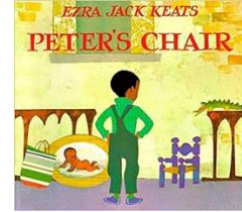




UNIT 1: FAMILY / WEEK 1

Home Link - English



Literature Connection:

Oonga Boonga by Frieda Wishinsky or *Crybaby* by Karen Beaumont, and *Peter's Chair* by Ezra Jack Keats

Dear Families: In this unit, your child will be learning about Families. Try at least three of these fun learning activities or do them all! The most important thing is to enjoy time with your child learning about what's happening in the classroom. Please color in the boxes of the activities you choose and return this form to school next Monday. **HAVE FUN!**

Child's Name: _____

LANGUAGE

Storytelling:

(Related to *Oonga Boonga/Crybaby* and *Peter's Chair*)

Tell your child a story about when she/he was a baby and act it out together. Words you might use in your story include sobs, wails, family, siblings, soothe, cuddle.

Conversation Starters:

- What do you remember from when you were a baby?
- What do you think babies do when they are hungry?

LITERACY

Find 3 things that begin with the first letter of your name or the name of a family member and draw a picture of them.

Conversation Starters:

- What sound do you hear in at the beginning of (name of child or family member)?

GROSS MOTOR

(Related to *Oonga Boonga/Crybaby* and *Peter's Chair*)

- Encourage your child to pretend to be a baby. Ask, "Can you move like a baby?" "Can you crawl like a baby?" "Can you scoot like a baby?" "How far can you scoot?"
- Ask your child to draw and write about being a baby.

READ & TALK TOGETHER

(20 minutes)

Conversation Starters:

- What is your favorite part of the story?
- What is the first thing that happens in the story?
- What do you think will happen next?

MATH

Ask your child to draw or paste two of something (stickers, bottle caps, or other small recyclables). Then ask your child to count the items.

Conversation Starters:

- How many items are there?
- How do you know?



Reading Log

Check off each day that you and your child read a story together. The books can be in English or in your home language. Visit your public library to find great books about families!

Monday ___ Tuesday ___ Wednesday ___ Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday ___ Sunday ___

Books we are reading in school

- *Oonga Boonga* by Frieda Wishinsky
- *Crybaby* by Karen Beaumont
- *Peter's Chair* by Ezra Jack Keats

Other books you and your child might enjoy

- *Feast for 10* by Cathryn Falwell
- *Julius, the Baby of the World* by Kevin Henkes

Tips for Reading Together

- Sit together in a quiet cozy spot.
- As you read, highlight, and define new vocabulary. For example, "She is **wailing**. That means she is crying very loudly."
- As you read, ask your child questions pertaining to the book. For example, "How did the brother help the baby stop crying?"

