2/1 Family Storytime

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STORY TIME LIVE!

Action Rhyme

I Had a Little Turtle
(tune: Going to Kentucky)

I had a little turtle
  (ASL sign for turtle: place
  your hand over the other
  like a shell – your thumb is
  poking out of the shell)
His name was Tiny Tim
I put him in the bathtub
  (place hands in pretend bathtub)
To see if he could swim (swim hands)
He drank up all the water
  (pretend to drink water from a cup)
He gobbled up the soap (pretend to eat)
And when he tried to talk
He had a bubble in his throat. (point to throat)

Chorus:
Oh, bubble, bubble, bubble (roll hands around)
Bubble, bubble, POP! (clap)
Bubble, bubble, bubble
Bubble, bubble, Pop! (clap)

Books Used
I Believe I Can by Grace Byers
published by Balzer + Bray

Turtle Walk by Matt Phelan
published by Greenwillow Books

Activity!

Pool Noodle Activities

Materials: pool noodle, butter knife, ribbon or string, pompoms or cotton balls, rubber bands
These activities will work your child's fine motor skills (small movement), hand and eye coordination, and their pincer grasp (thumb to pointer finger), which will help your child strengthen the muscles that are needed for learning to write.

You can easily cut a pool noodle using a butter knife. Just measure out the size of section of noodle that you might want. You can make them different sizes to work on patterns or categorizing (by size). If you have different colors of noodles you can sort and make patterns with those sections as well. Once you have the pool noodle cut up you can do a variety of different activities.

1.   Threading with pool noodles: See how many noodle pieces you can thread on the string or ribbon. Count them up and compare that to other lengths of string.

2.   Place pom poms or cotton balls: Try to put each pom pom onto the noodle's middle circle. You can either use your fingers or could try using a clothes pin or tongs.

3.   Rubber bands: Stretch a rubber band around the noodle and repeat until all the bands are on the noodle. Count them up, and see if you can take them all off. If you don't have a pool noodle for this activity you could use a can of soup instead.