

## Kids Silliest Knock-Knocks

(Horsfall, 2004)

Knock Knock.

Who's There?  
Oink-Oink.

Oink, Oink who?

Make up your mind... are you a pig or an owl?



language of infants), respond back to your baby with a coo. This will help you discover what your baby likes and this encourages early language development.

**3-6 Months:** "Hello Hands" Babies at this age enjoy exploring their hands and feet so take a pair of your baby's socks and cut out five holes into each sock for fingers. You can color the fingers with non-toxic material or draw shapes onto the socks. This will help your baby explore and learn about his/her colors.

**3-6 Months:** "Three Blocks, Two Hands" Have your baby sit on the floor or in a high chair. Give your baby two blocks and then give your baby one more. He/she will learn to drop the second block to be able to pick up the third. This will help your baby learn dexterity.

**9-12 Months:** "Mr. Bear" Say the following poem to your child. "Mr. Bear, Mr. Bear, Where can you be? I will find you Wait and see." Hide the bear while your baby watches and then ask your baby where the bear is. Use words such as behind, under, and inside. This activity helps with spatial relationships.

### Games to Play with Toddlers (Silberg, 2011)

**12-15 Months:** "Color Game" Zoom two colored cars up to your child and place two pieces of colored paper (the same colors as the two cars) on the floor. For example, if you have one red car and one blue car you should use one red and one blue piece of paper. Have your child place the red car on the red paper and the blue care on the blue paper. Repeat this activity with different colors. This activity helps your child with matching and color recognition.

**15-18 Months:** "Junk Mail" Allow your toddler to open your junk mail and even unfold the letters. Children love to do this and this activity helps your child's language and fine motor skills as your child opens and unfolds the mail and as you talk about the pictures or print written on the mail.

**18-21 Months:** "The Raisin Game" Give your child some raisins in a small bowl and an empty plastic jar with a lid. Place the lid on the jar. Show your child how to put his/her raisins inside the jar. Children can spend a lot of time doing this over and over and this activity helps develop your child's fine motor skills.

**21-24 Months:** "Four Little Blocks" Place four blocks on the floor or table. As you put the blocks on the floor/table say: Four pretty blocks on the floor, one, two, three, four, one for mommy, one for daddy, one for doggie too, but the last block is just for you. As you say this poem, stack the blocks on top of each other. You can use the people or animals that have meaning to your family. This activity works on counting and fine motor skills.

### Games to Play with Two Year Olds (Silberg, 2011)

**Young Twos:** "Andy Spandy" Say the poem and do the actions: Andy Spandy, sugar candy, I pop down. Andy Spandy, sugar candy, I pop up. Andy Spandy, sugar candy, I pop in. Andy Spandy, sugar candy, I pop up. You can change the word pop with hop or jump, or any action word. The repeating words help with language skills and the actions help with coordination.

**Middle Twos:** "Find Your Name" Print your child's name on different colored index cards. Hide the cards around the room and then find them with your toddler. Be sure most of the card is visible. This activity works on pre-reading skills.

**Older Twos:** "Same and Different" Collect various items that come in twos around your house such as gloves,

## Group Connections You Don't Want to Miss!

**Saturday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>:**  
Big Wheels Event  
10:00am -11:00am

**Saturday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>:**  
Messy Play Event  
10:00am-11:00am

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>:**  
Kindergarten Transition Event  
9:30-10:30

**Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>:**  
Week of the Young Child!  
Children's artwork will be placed in area businesses to celebrate the week!

**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>:**  
Kite Day at Southwest 9:30-11:30.

**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>:**  
Story hour at Southwest from 10:00-10:30.

**Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:**  
Activity will be sent to all families to lean about being accountable!

### Drop in and Play Monday-Friday 9-5

Drop in and Play center is designed for you and your child to learn through play! Please help us to keep the play center clean by keeping

every day except  
for the few days  
listed on the  
calendar below!



*All Events are held at the Southwest  
Early Childhood Center located at  
812 St. Mary's Blvd. Jefferson City,  
MO 65109  
Please call 659-3026 if you have any  
questions*



## Lessons from H

The unfortunate truth is that many of us live our relationships like the Incredible Hulk. "Please don't make me angry. You wouldn't like me when I'm angry." We continually surrender control over our emotional responses to those around us. When we need others to accept us or validate us by doing whatever we tell them to do, we make them the caretakers of our emotional remote controls. Learning to be "under control" means taking responsibility for your decisions before, during, and after you make them. This is recognizing that no one, not even your kids, can make you feel anything, think anything, or do anything. Your emotional responses are up to you. You always have a choice. To be in charge as a parent means inspiring

**What's Going on**

### August

*Community Character Trait:  
Self-Discipline*

**Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>:**  
P.A.T. Registration and  
Hearing and Vision  
Screenings 4:00-7:00  
**Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>:**  
Drop in and Play Center  
Opens  
**Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>:**  
First day of P.A.T. home  
visits

### September

*Community Character Trait:  
Respect*

**Wednesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>:**  
Drop in and Play Center opens  
at 10:00am  
  
**Saturday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>:**  
Big Wheels Group  
Connection Event  
10:00 am -11:00am  
(Come see lots of big vehicles,  
get inside them, and create some  
of your own with your children!)

### October

*Community Character Trait:  
Responsibility*

**Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>:**  
Hearing and Vision Screening  
10:00-1:00 and 3:30-8:00  
Amblyopia Screening will be  
available as well. Please call  
Sasha at 659-3026 to get on  
the screening list today!  
**Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>:**  
Drop in and Play Center opens  
at 10:00am

### November

*Community Character Trait:  
Polite*

**Wednesday, November  
14<sup>th</sup>:** Drop in and Play  
Center opens at 10:00am  
**Wednesday, November  
21<sup>st</sup>:** Drop in and Play  
Center is Closed  
**Thursday, November  
22<sup>nd</sup>:** Drop in and Play  
Center is Closed  
**Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>:**  
Drop in and Play Center is  
Closed

### December

*Community Character Trait:  
Compassion/Kindness*

**Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>-  
Tuesday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>:**  
Drop in and Play Center  
Closed

### February

*Community Character Trait:  
Honesty*

**Friday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>:**  
Drop in and Play Center  
Closed  
**Monday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>:** Drop  
in and Play Center Closed

### April

*Community Character Trait:  
Accountable*

**Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>:**  
Week of the Young Child!  
Children's artwork will be  
placed in area businesses to  
celebrate the week!  
**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>:**  
Kite Day at Southwest 9:30-  
11:30. Come with your child,  
fly your kite, and enjoy a free  
book and Popsicle!  
**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>:**  
Story hour at Southwest  
from 10:00-10:30. Bring  
your child and bring a  
friend to watch our parent  
educators dramatize a  
familiar children's story!  
Enjoy a free book at this  
event as well!  
**Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:**

### May

*Community Character Trait:  
Forgiving*

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>:**  
Last day for the Drop in  
and Play Center

### January

*Community Character Trait:  
Hard Working/Motivation*

**Wednesday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>:**  
Drop in and Play Center  
opens at 10:00am  
**Saturday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>:**  
Messy Play Group  
Connection Event  
10:00am-11:00am  
(Tired of being inside doing

### March

*Community Character Trait:  
Trustworthy*

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>:**  
Kindergarten Transition  
Group Connection Event  
9:30-10:30 (Do you have a child  
going to kindergarten next year?  
If so bring your child and let  
him/her experience what a

### Late Night Drop in and Play Hours

October 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00-7:00  
November 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00-7:00  
February 21<sup>st</sup>: 9:00-7:00  
February 28<sup>th</sup>: 9:00-7:00