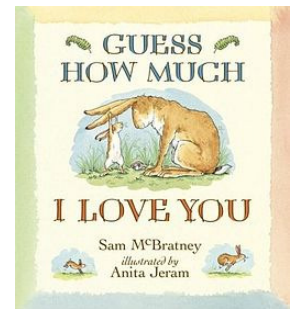




## Mengle Memorial Library

presents:

# Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney



**Print Motivation** is having an interest in and an enjoyment of books. Convey your love of books and reading in the way you share books with your child. Snuggle up and cuddle with them when you are reading sweet stories like our Guess How Much I Love You.

Make sure you and your child are in good moods when you read so the experience is enjoyable. Stop reading when your child becomes tired or loses interest. It is more important for the interaction around a book to be positive than for it to be long.

You may hear people say that you should read to your child 15 minutes a day. No one expects young children to sit still for that long. It is okay to read to your child for 2 or 3 minutes (long enough to finish a short book) a couple of times a day. Keep books in every room, in your diaper bag and in the car. Take advantage of times when your child is quiet and alert.

### **Books about Rabbits!**

The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown

Grumblebunny by Bob Hartman

Little Rabbit Goes to Sleep by Tony Johnston

Let's Make Rabbits by Leo Lioni

Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

Race You to Bed by Bob Shea

The Velveteen Rabbit by Marjorie Williams

Bunny Eats Lunch by Michael Dahl

Little White Rabbit by Kevin Henkes

Little Bunny Foo Foo by Paul Brett Johnson

The Runaway Rabbit by Teddy Margulies

Duck! Rabbit! by Amy Krause Rosenthal

Bunny Cakes by Rosemary Wells

### **Extend the Book**

Talk to your child about people they love. Do they love someone as much as Little Nutbrown Hare loves his mom? Ask them how big they love this person (To the moon and back? As high as they can jump?). Have your child imitate Little Nutbrown Hare by stretching their arms, jumping, and pointing with him.

Talk about the members of your family. Talk about how you are related (Aunt Mary is Daddy's Sister, just like Sue is your sister). Make a family tree at home. Ask your child to pretend he is Little Nutbrown Hare and ask him how much he loves the members of your family. Share these stories with your family members or write them down to retell your child when he is older.

Talk to your child about ways they know that they are loved and ask him how he shows his love to others. Avoid talking about things that are bought and focus on activities you do. (If your child says "I know you love me because you bought me a toy for my birthday," say "I show you I love you by taking you to the park and teaching you how to walk across the road safely.") Tell your child "I know you love me when you listen to me," or "when you give me a kiss and a hug goodnight," etc.



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## Here are some song and rhymes about Rabbits

### Little Bunny Foo Foo

Little Bunny Foo Foo,  
Hopping through the forest  
Scooping up the field mice  
And boppin' 'em on the head

Down came the good fairy and she said  
"Little Bunny Foo Foo,  
I don't want to see you  
Scooping up the field mice  
And boppin' 'em on the head.  
I'll give you three chances,  
And if you don't behave  
I'll turn you into a goon!"

But, the next day:

Little Bunny Foo Foo,  
Hopping through the forest  
Scooping up the field mice  
And boppin' 'em on the head

Down came the good fairy and she said  
"Little Bunny Foo Foo,  
I don't want to see you  
Scooping up the field mice  
And boppin' 'em on the head.  
I'll give you two more chances,  
And if you don't behave  
I'll turn you into a goon!"

But, the next day:

Repeat again with one more chance

But, the next day:

Little Bunny Foo Foo,  
Hopping through the forest  
Scooping up the field mice  
And boppin' 'em on the head  
Down came the good fairy and she said  
"Little Bunny Foo Foo,  
I don't want to see you  
Scooping up the field mice  
And boppin' 'em on the head.

But, I gave you three chances  
And you didn't behave  
Now you're a goon! POOF!!!"

The moral of the story is:

HARE TODAY, GOON TOMORROW



### The Love Bug

It begins with a grin

*(smile broadly)*

It turns to a giggle

*(put both hands on mouth and giggle)*

You start to laugh

*(throw head back and laugh out loud)*

Your legs start to wiggle

*(put feet in the air and shake)*

You look all around for someone to hug

*(move eyes back and forth)*

You've caught the love bug

*(hug another child or yourself)*

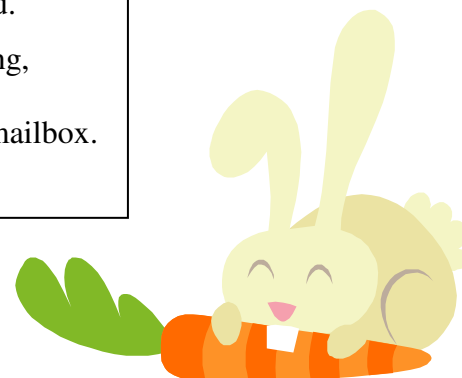
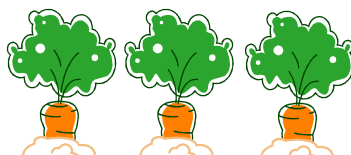
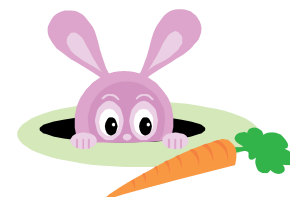
ACHOO!

### Mail Myself To You

I'm gonna wrap myself in paper.  
I'm gonna dab myself with glue.  
Stick some stamps on top of my head.  
I'm gonna mail myself to you.

I'm going to wrap myself in paper  
I'm going to stick myself with glue  
I'm going to tie a BIG bow on me  
I'm going to mail myself to you.

I'm gonna tie me up in red string,  
I'm gonna use blue ribbon too.  
I'm gonna climb up into your mailbox.  
I'm gonna mail myself to you.



### Love Is A Circle

Love is a circle,  
Round and round *(make a circling motion with arm)*  
Love goes up, *(raise arms up)*  
And Love comes down, *(lower arms)*  
Love is on the inside, *(pull hands inward towards chest)*  
Trying to get out, *(pull hands away from chest)*  
Love is whirling and twirling about!  
*(move hands in a spinning motion)*



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