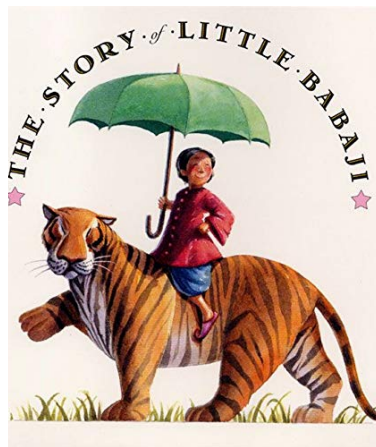




# THE SCOOP IN FAMILY CHILD CARE

For Licensed Home Child Care Providers

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## FEATURED BOOK

The Story of Little Babaji  
By: Helen Bannerman

The Story of Little Babaji takes place in India where a young boy outsmarts a group of fierce tigers. This fun story expands vocabulary words through a problem-solving plot.

Watch a read-aloud here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfvwt\\_LN5zl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfvwt_LN5zl)

## BUILDING VOCABULARIES

Doing a vocabulary activity can help the children build a better understanding of The Story of Little Babaji. Grab a piece of chart paper and write out the following words:

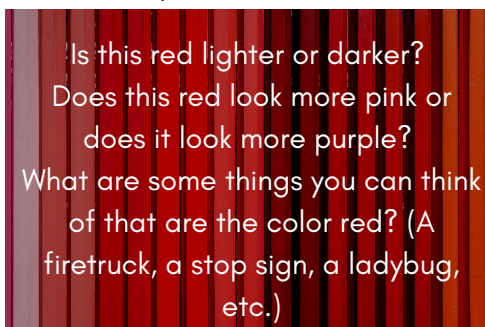
Crimson  
Ghi  
Bazaar  
Trousers



Make predictions about what the children think each word means. Then, go through them together and define each word.

## ART: SHADES OF RED OR "CRIMSON"

Using paint swatches from your local home improvement store, you can compare and contrast different shades of red. You can ask some of the following questions as you examine the paint swatches:



Is this red lighter or darker?  
Does this red look more pink or does it look more purple?  
What are some things you can think of that are the color red? (A firetruck, a stop sign, a ladybug, etc.)

## COOKING WITH CHILDREN: PANCAKES WITH BUTTER OR "GHI"

25 Minutes - Serves 8 pancakes  
Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tbsp granulated sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 large egg
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil or melted butter
- 1 cup buttermilk



1. Preheat griddle or frying pan over medium heat until a fleck of water "dances" in the pan.
2. If using milk, add vinegar or lemon juice to the milk and let it sit while you whisk the dry ingredients.
3. Whisk flour, sugar, salt, baking powder, and baking soda.
4. Add egg, buttermilk, and oil. Whisk until combined (batter may be slightly lumpy). Cook pancakes immediately so the bubbles created by the baking soda don't dissipate.
5. Flip pancakes. You know they're ready to flip when the bubbles form on the top and start to pop. The bottom should be golden.
6. Serve with butter or "ghi" and warm syrup. Enjoy!

Original recipe by Dorothy Kern (2021):  
<https://www.crazyforcrust.com/easy-fluffy-pancakes-recipe/>



## STEM: MAKING PREDICTIONS

How many pancakes can you eat? Or how many pancakes can you stack?

After cooking with children, try making a few extra mini pancakes that you can use for a hands-on STEAM activity. Invite the children to either eat or stack the mini pancakes and count out loud as you go!

## **UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR DAY CARE**

To help early care and education (ECE) program administrators support safe, in-person learning and keep ECE programs open, while managing the spread of COVID-19, the Department of Child and Family Services has issued new guidance, fully adopting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning. The CDC guidance is based on the COVID-19 Community Levels, and provides flexibility so ECE programs can adapt to changing local situations, including periods of increased community health impacts from COVID-19. For example, when Community Levels are high, universal masking is recommended.

To download the document, go here:

[www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/brighterfutures/healthy/Documents/Day\\_Care\\_Guidance.pdf](http://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/brighterfutures/healthy/Documents/Day_Care_Guidance.pdf)

To find out current Community Levels, go here:

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html)

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Illinois Department of Public Health has issued interim guidance on the Monkeypox Virus (MPV) for early childhood education and care settings. MPV is a disease that can cause flu-like symptoms and a rash. Human-to-human transmission of MPV occurs by direct contact with lesions or infected body fluids, or from exposure to respiratory secretions during prolonged face-to-face close contact. The guidance describes how to recognize it, prevent transmission and manage exposure.

Download the Interim Guidance here:

[https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/OECD/Documents/20220816\\_MPV\\_Day\\_Care\\_Guidance%20\(002\).pdf](https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/OECD/Documents/20220816_MPV_Day_Care_Guidance%20(002).pdf)

## **UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Look out for Quality Improvement Funds ExceleRate Illinois Cohort, designed to assist child care programs in improving program quality. Upon completion of the cohort requirements and the program's self-assessment, programs may request funds to help achieve Continuous Quality Improvement Plan (CQIP) objectives.



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For CCAP information choose Option 2 For help in finding childcare call Becky @ Option 3

For a Quality visit call Christy @ Option 9 For information on becoming a new provider call Stephanie @ Option 6

## **TRAINING SPOTLIGHT**

### **BUILDING CONFIDENCE: COMMUNICATION & EMPOWERMENT**

**09/21/22 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 09/09/22**

[www.salccc.org/provider-services/training/events/detail/596](http://www.salccc.org/provider-services/training/events/detail/596)

Recognize why communication is important and why effective communication is even more important to relationships and the overall working environment. In this session you will become empowered to engage in boundaries within the workplace and how to engage in difficult conversations with colleagues and families.

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

#### **TEACHER CREDENTIAL/DEGREE OPPORTUNITIES**

Starting Fall 2022: National Louis University (NLU) will offer two courses that lead to Level 2 of ECE Gateways to Opportunity Credential

\*Prior Learning Assessment will be offered through a technology platform called "Mursion"

\*Interactions with a Virtual ECE classroom and avatar children, learners can demonstrate their knowledge of working with young children

\*Successful completion of 2 modules will earn participant credit for 2 college courses at NLU that count towards a B.A. in ECE.

\*Engage in these modules at NO COST: Funding from INCCRA.

More Information: Contact your Higher Education Navigator / 309-686-3750

ECACE Scholarship: Applications now being accepted until funding runs out! Program ends: June 2024!!

Don't miss this opportunity working towards your Associates or BA in ECE.

More information: Contact: [Higherednavigator@salccc.org](mailto:Higherednavigator@salccc.org) / 309-686-3750

### **CHILD CARE CONNECTION REFERRAL SERVICE**

Exciting news from Referral! The new and improved survey update is being mailed out with a postage-paid envelope on September 1, 2022. Yes, you read that correctly! We have revamped the ENTIRE form. It is now simpler, shorter, easier-to-read and to complete. The data on these forms is vitally important to update and verify your provider information. Start watching your mailbox in September! If you have any questions, you may email Becky at [referrals@salccc.org](mailto:referrals@salccc.org) or call her at 309-686-3750, option 3. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:00. Happy Fall!