North Mankato Taylor Library Storytime

Hoppy Easter!

Easter books we shared:
Happy Easter, Curious George
Max Counts His Chickens
Splat the Cat: Where's the Easter Bunny
Ernest's First Easter by Paivi Stalder

More Easter books you might want to share:
Who Hid the Easter Eggs? By Pirkko Vainio
10 Easter Egg Hunters by Janet Schulman
Strawberry Shortcake: Easter Surprise
Easter Babies by Joy Hume
It's Easter, Little Critter by Mercer Mayer
Max Counts His Chickens
Ernest's First Easter by Paivi Stalder
ABCs of Easter by Patricia R. Eurbank
Easter Egg by Jan Brett
Here Comes Peter Cottontail by Mary Man-Kong
Biggest Easter Basket Ever by Steven Kroll
Berenstain Bears: Baby Easter Bunny
Easter Bunny in Training by Maryann Cocca-Leffler
Looking for Easter by Dori Chaconas
Hide Easter Bunny Hide by Udo Weigelt
Peter Rabbit's Happy Easter by Grace Maccarone
Golden Egg Book by Margaret Wise Brown
Max's Easter Surprise
Clifford's First Easter
My First Easter by Tomie DePaola
Easter Showers by June Eding
Queen of Easter by Mary Engelbreit
Bunny's Easter Hunt by Deanna Medearis
Minerva Louise and the Colorful Eggs by Janet Stoeke
Easter Party by Lucy Su
Easter Bunny Baby by Sarah Wilson
Easter Mice by Bethany Roberts
Story of the Easter Bunny by Katherine B. Tegen
Easter Parade by Irving Berlin
Here Comes T. Rex Cottontail by Lois Grambling
Dora's Easter Basket
Hello Kitty's Easter Bonnet Surprise
Easter Beagle Returns
Owen's Marshmallow Chick by Kevin Henkes
It's the Easter Beagle, Charlie Brown
Rugrat's Easter Surprise
Bunny's Easter Hunt by Deanna Medearis
Easter Bunny that Overslept by Priscilla Friedrich
Barney's Favorite Easter Stories
Happy Easter Biscuit by Alyssa Capucilli
Easter Ribbit by Bernice Chardiet
Happy Easter Little Critter by Mercer Mayer
Today is Easter by P.K. Hallinan
Egg Tree by Katherine Milhous
Early Literacy Activities:

Talk about the word "Rabbit" sound out the different parts of the word řa-bit-ô say them separately and then together again, first slowly and then faster. Clap once for each syllable of the word. Do the same thing with words like řEaster, candy, chocolate, jelly bean.ô

Help your child think of words that rhyme with řcandyôlike řhandy, sandy, dandy, Andyô i make up silly rhymes with these words. Try rhyming řspringôbring, thing, sing, ring, wing, king, string, sting too!

Help your child think of words that start with the long řEô sound (eat, evening, ear) and the short řEôsound (egg, elbow)

Help your child think of other Easter words (bonnet, basket, bunny, dye, coloring)
Because songs automatically break down words into smaller sounds through tones, singing with your child is one of the best ways develop early literacy skills. Songs and rhymes will also help your child to identify patterns, like rhyming words, which will help them learn to read. Try the songs and rhymes on the following pages.

Look at the treats in the Easter basket with your child. Count them and sort them by flavor, shape, color, and by size. Noticing these differences helps in learning the different shapes of letters and numbers.

Learn new names for colors by reading the color names on crayons. These creative and unusual names are a great vocabulary booster.
Songs and rhymes to share:

Little Easter Rabbit
Little Easter rabbit goes hop hop hop
(hop hand)
See how his ears go flop flop flop
(put hands on head like ears)
See how his eyes go blink blink blink
(point to eyes and blink)
See how his nose goes twinkle twinkle twinkle
(wiggle nose)
Pet his white coat so soft and furry
(pretend to pet bunny)
Hop hop hop he's off in a hurry!
(hop hand away)

Two Easter Baskets
Two Easter baskets under a tree
One for you (hold up right fist)
And one for me (hold up left fist)
I peeked in one basket (pretend to peek in basket)
And what did I see?
A new baby chick smiling at me!(pop thumb out of fist)
Then I looked in the other (peek in other basket)
And what do you think?
Out popped a bunny (pop thumb out of other fist)
Quick as a wink!

Here is a Bunny
Here is a bunny
With ears so funny (hold up 2 fingers)
And here is his hole in the ground
(make O shape with hand)
When a noise he hears, he perks up his ears
(make finger ears jump)
And runs to his hole in the ground
(put ears in hole)

Little Bunny
There was a little bunny
Who lived in the wood (make finger ears)
He wiggled his ears
Like a good bunny should (wiggle fingers)
He hopped by a squirrel (hop fingers)
He hopped by a tree
He hopped by a duck
And he hopped by me!
He winked at the squirrel (point to eye)
He winked at the tree
He winked at the duck
But he made faces at me! (wiggle nose)

Ten Fluffy Chicks
Five eggs (hold up 5 fingers)
And five eggs (hold up 5 more fingers)
That makes ten
Sitting on top is the mother hen
(lock fingers, knuckles up)
Crack, crack, crack, what do I see? (wiggle fingers apart)
Ten baby chicks as yellow as can be (hold up 10 fingers)

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Mr. Rabbit
Mr. Rabbit has a habit
That is very cute to see
He wrinkles up and crinkles up
His little nose at me!

Eggs
Eggs come in many sizes
Eggs hold some big surprises
Speckled, brown, white, or blue
Eggs hold babies that are new
Chicks from eggs are fluffy yellow
Chicks from eggs are funny fellows!

Easter Bunny Hippity Hop
(Sung to Pop! Goes The Weasel)
Easter bunny, hippity hop
Hide 'til Easter morning
Easter bunny, hippity hop
UP! Pops the bunny
Easter Fingerplay
Five little Easter eggs, lovely colors wore
Mother ate the blue one, then there were four
Four little Easter eggs, two and two you see
Daddy ate the red one, then there were three
Three little Easter eggs, before I knew
Sister ate the yellow one, then there were two
Two little Easter egg, Oh what fun
Brother ate the purple one, then there was one
One little Easter egg, see me run
I ate the last one, and then there were none

Easter Bunny Chant
Funny little bunny
Sat on a stump
Flicked his floppy little ears
And then he gave a jump!

Rabbit Has No Tail At All
Rabbit has no tail at all
Tail at all, tail at all
Rabbit has no tail at all
Just a powder puff
His ears are longer than his tail
Than his tail, than his tail
His ears are longer than his tail
It's just a powder puff

Did You Ever See A Bunny?
(Song - Sung to Did You Ever See A Lassie?)
Did you ever see a bunny, a bunny, a bunny
Did you ever see a bunny that hops so slow
He hops, and hops, and hops, and hops
Did you ever see a bunny that hops so slow
- Additional Verses:
That hops so fast
That hops backwards
That hops on one foot

Easter Eggs
(tune: Jingle Bells)
Easter eggs, Easter eggs
Eggs of orange and blue.
Here' are lots of colored eggs
All for me and you.
Chocolate eggs colored brown,
Jelly beans bright green
Aren't these the nicest eggs
That you have ever seen?
**Easter Bunny**
(Sung to Ten Little Indians)
Hop along little Easter bunny
Hop along little Easter bunny
Hop along little Easter bunny
Hop along your way
Hide all the eggs and Easter candy
Hide all the eggs and Easter candy
Hide all the eggs and Easter candy
Hop along your way

**Hippety Hop** (sing while hopping around)
Hip, hip, hoppety hop
Hippety, hoppety, hop
We'll hop around the room today
Until it's time to stop
(stop hopping, pause, and sing again!)

**Egg Poem**
Eggs come in many sizes.
Eggs hold some big surprises,
Speckled, brown, white, or blue.
Eggs hold babies that are new.
Chicks from eggs are fluffy yellow,
Chicks from eggs are funny fellows!

**Bunny, Bunny**
Bunny, white bunny
(Place pointer fingers beside head)
With ears so tall.
And your two pink eyes
And a mouth so small. (Make O with mouth)
Wiggle goes one ear. (Wiggle one finger)
Wiggle goes the other. (Wiggle other finger)
Hop, hop, hop, hop Home to your mother!( Hop away in four hops)

**I Had an Easter Bunny**
I had an Easter bunny. (Hold up one finger)
One day she ran away. (make fingers "run")
I looked for her by moonlight. (Hand shading eyes)
I'll put some flowers on it,
I looked for her by day.
I found her in the meadow
With her babies 1, 2, 3.
So now I have four rabbit pets
To run and jump with me!

**Easter Hat**
I'll make a pretty Easter hat, To wear at Easter time
I'll put some flowers on it,
And a bow will make it fine.
We'll fasten on some ribbons,
All pretty pink and blue,
Then we'll take a picture,
And I'll give it to you.

**Jelly Bean Countdown**
(Use jelly beans of 5 different colors)
5 little jelly beans, I wish I had more!I'll eat the (color) one - Now there are four!
4 little jelly beans, tasty as can be. I'll eat the (color) one - Now there are 3!
3 little jelly beans, only a few. I'll eat the (color) one - Now there are 2!
2 little jelly beans, eating them is fun. I'll eat the (color) one - Now there is one.
1 little jelly bean, the last one for me. I'll eat the (color) one - I'm as happy as can be!
* you can also say this rhyme counting colored Easter eggs
Finding a Treat
Hippy hop, hippity hop.
Will the Easter Bunny stop?
Will he leave a treat behind,
An Easter basket for me to find?
I'll look over here, I'll look over there,
I'll look behind things, I'll look everywhere
I'll look until I find my treat,
And then I'll sit right down and eat.

See the Easter Bunny
(Tune - Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush)
See how the bunny hops along, hops along, hops along.
See how the bunny hops along, (children crouch and hop)
On an Easter morning.
This is the way he wiggles his nose, wiggles his nose, wiggles his nose
This is the way he wiggles his nose, (children wiggle nose)
On an Easter morning.
This is the way he flops his ears. (waggle hands above head).........etc..
This is the way he flops his tail (wave hand behind you) ...etc