Preschool: Sharing & Caring
(with Bears and Mice)

Opening Rhyme
I’ve got something in my pocket
That belongs across my face.
I keep it very close to me,
In a most convenient place.
I bet you’ll never guess it
If you took a long, long while.
So I’ll take it out and put it on.
It’s a great big STORYTIME SMILE!

Closing Rhyme
See you later, Alligator!

Out and About activities
Snack time is the perfect time to show your child important math and sharing concepts. For example, if you have some bread or fruit, show your child how you can split it in half to share between the two of you. Or if you have crackers, count them together. Then, divide them in half, asking your child what s/he is seeing as you do so. Afterwards, you can both eat the same number.

Early Literacy Tips
Narrative skills are the ability to describe things and events and to tell stories. This is one of the six early literacy skills that act as a foundation for reading. Check out any picture book (or two or three!) and have your child “read” it to you. Ask them to tell you what they think the story is about, based on the pictures. It doesn’t matter if their story has anything to do with what the author wrote. The important part is that they tell a story. Other ways to tell a story: use stuffed animals as characters, print out pictures, or use toys that your child already has.

Resources
http://www.mphpl.org/storytimes#
http://www.todaysparent.com/toddler/a-guide-for-sharing/
What Your Kindergartner Needs to Know: Preparing Your Child for a Lifetime of Learning edited by E.D. Hirsch, Jr. and John Holdren

Books
Llama Llama: Time to Share by Anna Dewdney
Emily’s Sharing and Caring Book by Cindy Post Senning
When I Care about Others by Cornelia Maude Spelman
Little Mouse and the Big Cupcake by Thomas Taylor
Bear Says Thanks by Karma Wilson & Jane Chapman
The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear by Don & Audrey Wood