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# Storytime Starters

## Pasta

### Books for Toddlers:

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*A B C Pasta* by Juana Medina, © 2017. (CONCEPTS, Medina)

*Before & After* by Jean Jullien, © 2017. (BOARD, Jullien)

*Dinosaur vs. Bedtime* by Bob Shea, © 2008. (FAVORITES, Shea)

*On Market Street* by Arnold Lobel, © 1981. (CONCEPTS, Lobel)

*On Top of Spaghetti* by Paul Brett Johnson, © 2006. (RHYMES, Johnson)

### Books for Preschoolers:

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*Cora Cooks Pancit* by Dorina K. Lazo Gilmore, © 2009. (STORIES/MITCHELL, Lazo Gilmore)

*From Wheat to Pasta* by Robert Egan, © 1997. (+664.755 Egan)

*Mei-Mei's Lucky Birthday Noodles* by Shan-Shan Chen, © 2014. (MPL copies on order)

*Noodles: An Enriched Pop-Up Product* by Sarah Weeks, © 1996. (CPC, Weeks)

*Spaghetti Eddie* by Ryan SanAngelo, © 2002. (CPC, SanAngelo)

*Spoon* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, © 2009. (GROWING, Rosenthal)

*Strega Nona* by Tomie de Paola, © 1975. (FOLK, De Paola)

### School-Age Extension:

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*Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrett, ©1978. (FAVORITES, Barrett)

*What the World Eats* by Peter Menzel, © 2005. (+641.300222 Menzel)



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**Pasta**

**Fingerplays & Songs :**

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**If You Love Spaghetti**

If you love spaghetti, smack your lips.

If you love lasagna, shake your hips.

If you love baked ziti, tap your toes.

If you love macaroni, touch your nose.

If you love ravioli, wiggle around.

If you love rotini, touch the ground.

If you love tortellini, jump up high.

If you love rigatoni, touch the sky.

If you love penne, stand up tall.

Now shout the food that you love best  
of all!

(Adapted from original, found at:  
[www.addisonlibrary.org/sites/default/files/Food.pdf](http://www.addisonlibrary.org/sites/default/files/Food.pdf))

**Oodles of Noodles**

I love noodles. Give me oodles.

Make a mound up to the sun.

Noodles are my favorite foodles.

I eat noodles by the ton.

- Lucia and James L. Hymes, Jr.

(From: *The Random House Book of Poetry for Children*, by Jack Prelutsky and Arnold Lobel)

**Spaghetti! Spaghetti!**

Spaghetti! Spaghetti!

You're wonderful stuff,

I love you spaghetti,

I can't get enough.

You're covered with sauce

And you're sprinkled with cheese,

Spaghetti! Spaghetti!

Oh, give me some please.

Spaghetti! Spaghetti!

Piled high in a mound,

You wiggle, you wriggle,

You squiggle around.

There's slurpy spaghetti

All over my plate,

Spaghetti! Spaghetti!

I think you are great.

Spaghetti! Spaghetti!



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**Pasta**

I love you a lot,  
You're slishy, you're sloshy,  
Delicious and hot.  
I gobble you down  
Oh, I can't get enough,  
Spaghetti! Spaghetti!  
You're wonderful stuff.

- Jack Prelutsky

(From: *Sunflakes: Poems for Children*, by  
Lillian Moore and Jan Ormerod)

**Noodles in My Soup**

(Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It")

There are noodles, noodles,  
Noodles in my soup.  
There are noodles, noodles,  
Noodles in my soup.  
There are oodles, oodles, oodles  
of the most delicious noodles.  
There are noodles, noodles,  
Noodles in my soup.

(Slurp, Slurp!)

\*You can sing about the noodles in your  
spaghetti and macaroni, too!\*

(From:

<http://forums.atozteacherstuff.com/index>

[x.php?threads/pasta-theme.54357/](http://x.php?threads/pasta-theme.54357/))

**Spaghetti**

Spaghetti, Spaghetti,  
Heaped in a mound;  
Spaghetti, spaghetti,  
Winds, winds around.

Spaghetti, Spaghetti,  
Slips, dips, and trips;  
Spaghetti, Spaghetti,  
Slithers and drips.

Spaghetti, Spaghetti,  
Slurps, sloops, and droops;  
Spaghetti, Spaghetti,  
Comes in groups.

Spaghetti, Spaghetti,  
Twists, turns, and bends;  
Spaghetti, Spaghetti,  
Never ever ends!

(From:

<http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems63.html>)



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### STAFF ONLY

**Big Book:** The World in a Supermarket, More Spaghetti, I Say!, Today Is Monday

**Flannel Boards:** Aikendrum, On Top of Spaghetti, Oodles of Noodles

**Prop Stories:** Tony Baroni Loves Macaroni

**Movies:** Strega Nonna (VHS, 9 minutes), Spoon (DVD, 8 minutes)

**Stamps:** upper case /P/, Pasta

### Craft Ideas:

Freddie Spaghetti (see attached sheet)

Create a plate of spaghetti, using a paper plate, yarn, cut or torn paper, crayons, etc.

### Play Literacy:

Share the images of different kinds of pasta with the children. Spend time on the pronunciation of each kind. (farfalle = far-FALL-lay, macaroni = mac-uh-ROW-nee, fusilli = foo-ZEE-lee, penne = PEH-neh, tortellini = tore-tuh-LEE-nee)

**Early Learning Tip:** There are many different types of pasta, each with a unique name. Using the noodle's specific name (ravioli, soba, farfalle) increases your child's vocabulary!



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