



National Provider Appreciation Day is on the Friday before Mother's Day, May 6 this year. Childcare workers are celebrated on this day, including teachers, nannies, and caregivers, all of who are essential workers in helping working parents continue to provide for their families. The day focuses on building awareness of the holiday, thanking childcare workers, and showcasing their contributions to their communities. From a simple thank you and gifts to social media posts and hashtags, this holiday is deserving of our attention.



ROBBIE THE RABBIT

Robbie the rabbit is fat, fat, fat.
His soft little paws go pat, pat, pat.
His soft little ears go flop, flop, flop.
And when Robbie runs,
He goes hop, hop, hop.

You Are My Sunshine

By Holly Robbie

What can you do if someone is feeling sad?

How can you help her feel better?

Read the story then recall all the kind and helpful things Puddle did for Toot.

Fruit on a Stick

You will need a variety of cut-up fruit such as:
Banana halves,
peeled orange sections,
pineapple chunks,
whole strawberries, mango spears, peeled kiwi slices,
or individual grapes*.



Stick the fruit on a popsicle stick, cover it with a plastic sandwich bag, secure it with a twist tie and freeze for about 2 hours before serving.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of fruit is creditable for 1 fruit serving at breakfast or snack for 3-5-year-old children.

**Whole grapes can be a choking hazard for children under the age of 4.*

For children with sensory processing challenges:

- Model and participate with them during a task.
- Invite the child to make a quick attempt to participate:
- Create a peaceful; area in a room. This is a designate space that may include pillows, books and a blanket.