



***This is NOT a Cat***  
by David LaRochelle

**Related Books:**

***If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*** by Laura Numerhoff

***The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear*** by Don and Audrey Wood

***Cat & Mouse*** by Ian Schoenherr

***Have You Seen My Cat?*** by Eric Carle

***My Cat, The Silliest Cat in the World*** by Gilles Bachelet

***There Are Cats in this Book*** by Viviane Schwarz

**Fingerplays & Songs:**

**Fingerplay: Baby Mice**

Where are the baby mice?

Squeak, squeak, squeak

I cannot see them

Peek, peek, peek

Here they come out of their hole! (bring your fist forward)

One, two, three, four, five, and that is all! (open your fingers one at a time)

Credit: [Perry Public Library Storytime](#)

**Rhyme & Fingerplay: Boing, Boing, Squeak**

Boing, boing, squeak

Boing, boing, squeak

A bouncing mouse is in my house

He's been there for a week

He came from out of nowhere

He quickly settled in

I'm thankful that he came alone

I heard he had a twin  
He bounces in the kitchen  
He bounces in the den  
He bounces in the living room  
Look, there he goes again  
The mouse just keeps on bouncing  
Every minute of the day  
He bounce, bounce, bounces  
But he does not bounce away  
Credit: SurLaLune Storytime

**Song: If You're a Cat and You Know It**

(Tune: If you're happy and you know it)  
If you're a cat and you know it, say "meow!"  
If you're a cat and you know it, say "meow!"  
If you're a cat and you know it and you really want to show it  
If you're a cat and you know it, say "meow!"

**Craft:**

**Mouse Mask** [http://www.davidlarochelle.net/pdf/TINAC\\_Mouse\\_Mask.pdf](http://www.davidlarochelle.net/pdf/TINAC_Mouse_Mask.pdf)

**Mouse finger puppet** (kidsoup.com)



**Flannel Board:**

**Rainbow Kittens** from *Early Literacy Storytimes @ Your Library* by Saroj Nadkarni Ghoting and Pamela Martin-Diaz, p. 111

Six little kittens found a box of paint.  
They jumped right in...their mother will faint!  
The first little kitten came out all red.  
"I'll be orange," the second kitten said.  
The third little kitten turned bright yellow.  
"I'll be green," said the next little fellow.  
The fifth kitten said, "My favorite is blue."  
"Purple for me," said the sixth with a mew.  
Dancing home the kittens go  
To show their mother a KITTEN RAINBOW!



**Early Literacy Tip: Narrative Skills**

Before you read the book take a picture walk with the child or children to preview what the book is about and to make connections with the child about what her or she might know. For example, the child might recognize that the setting of the book is a school and he or she could talk about his or her experiences at school. Look at the cover and each page and ask the children what is happening and what the pictures tell us.