One of Youth Librarian Miss Suzanne's favorite things is pizza. So let's have some fun with a pizza story time. *Warning this story time may leave you with a strong desire to eat pizza.

• READ/TALK Watch and listen to this story called “Hi Pizza Man” by Virgina Walter. www.youtube.com/watch?v=YndVcYfNQ7w. What other pizza delivery animals can you imagine? How would you greet them at the door?

• SING Pizza Man - Tune of Pat-a-cake

  * Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, pizza man (clap hands)
  * Make me a pizza as fast as you can (shake finger)
  * Roll it (roll) Toss it (pretend to toss in air)
  * Sprinkle it with cheese (sprinkling motions)
  * Put it in the oven (pushing motion) And bake it fast, please!

  Credit: SurLaLune Storytime

Here is one more funny song to sing-a-long with: "I am Pizza" https://bit.ly/2VYwPSe

• PLAY/WRITE A great way to help kids learn new words and how to interact in new scenarios is with dramatic play. Take some time and play pizza shop. Grab some paper plates and some scrap multicolored paper. To start, play the pizza maker and model for your child how to take an order, how to put the paper on the paper plate to make it seem like a pizza, and how to deliver the pizza to the customer. Then play again and have your child be the pizza maker. This role playing gives context to a lot of words and social expectation for your child. Plus, a bonus is as your child places the small pieces of paper on the pizza he/she is developing some great fine motor skills!