



Music

Takeout Storytime



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Greetings, Caregivers!
You are your child's first teacher. Help your little one get ready to learn how to read by talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing together. Have fun!

Talk

Play a game using rhyming words. Start by saying two words that rhyme and then ask your child to respond with a third. Once they master that, give them only one word as a prompt. "Cat?" "Bat!" "Fish?" "Wish!" Listening for phonetic sounds will help your child understand that words are made up of multiple sounds.

Sing

"Zoom zoom zoom, we're going to the moon! 5,4,3,2,1... Blast Off!" Children count backwards while looking forward to being lifted into the air as the rocket takes off. Building anticipation while counting helps kids understand sequencing, an important foundational math skill.

Read

Share a book of poetry or a collection of nursery rhymes with your child. These books often contain language not found in everyday conversation. You may come across a number of unusual words that will provide an opportunity for learning new vocabulary. Even a silly made up word can be enriching simply because of the sounds it makes! "Wynken, Blynken, and Nod one night sailed off in a wooden shoe..."

Write

tinyurl.com/ThumbkinSong

"Where is Thumbkin? Where is Thumbkin? Here I am. Here I am." Singing "Thumbkin" and doing the finger motions help small children practice coordinating the small muscles in their hands and fingers. Development of fine motor skills prepares children for writing with a pencil one day.

Play

Playing musical movement games like the "Hokey Pokey" with your child encourages physical coordination, balance, and learning to following directions and self-regulation. For younger children who cannot yet distinguish between right and left, the song can be simplified to "put your hand/foot in."

Listen

Favorite Children's Albums Available on Hoopla!

Catch The Moon
Lisa Loeb

hoopladigital.com/title/11068853

100 Kids Songs For A Roadtrip
Countdown Kids

hoopladigital.com/title/12249236

Pete The Cat
Various Artists

hoopladigital.com/title/12261038

Julie Andrews Selects Her Favorite
Disney Songs
Various Artists

hoopladigital.com/title/11823493

Best Of Raffi
Raffi & Michael Creber

hoopladigital.com/title/11823493

The Best Of The Laurie Berkner Band
The Laurie Berkner Band
hoopladigital.com/title/1669380

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Songs

Switching between activities can be challenging for kids. Singing a song like "Clean it up" can make those transitions more enjoyable!



This is the Way

Tune: "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush"
tinyurl.com/TappingSticks

(gently tapping sticks together)
This is the way we tap our sticks, tap our sticks, tap our sticks
This is the way we tap our sticks
Early in the morning

(rubbing sticks together)
This is the way we rub our sticks...

(using sticks to pantomime a nail and hammer)
This is the way we hammer our sticks...

(gently drumming on lap)
This is the way we drum our sticks...



I Can Shake My Shaker Egg

Tune: "In The Hall of the Mountain King" by Edvard Grieg
Each verse gets faster and faster!
tinyurl.com/ShakerEgg

I can shake my shaker egg, shaker egg, shaker egg
I can shake my shaker egg and **sneak** around the room

I can shake my shaker egg, shaker egg, shaker egg
I can shake my shaker egg and **walk** around the room

I can shake my shaker egg, shaker egg, shaker egg
I can shaker my shaker egg and **run** around the room

The Baby Bear Waltz

by Kathy Reid Naiman
tinyurl.com/BearWaltz

123, 123 waltzing with bears
123, 123 waltzing round chairs
123, 123 that's what we'll do
123, 123 waltzing with you

123, 123 waltz round the room
123, 123 dance round the moon
123, 123 glide past the stars
123, 123 waltzing to Mars



Clean it Up

by Laurie Berkner
tinyurl.com/CleanItUpSong

Clean it up, clean it up
You can make it fun to do
And your friends can help you too
Clean it up, clean it up
And put it away, put it away, Put your things away
Clean it up, clean it up
You can make it fun to do
Mom and Dad can help you too
Clean it up (clean it up!) Clean it up (clean it up!)
And put it away, put it away, Put your things away

Playtime

Dance, clap and sing your way through any activity!



Early Literacy Class

tinyurl.com/MusicStorytime
Join ImagineF's Becca for a virtual Early Literacy Class filmed in the band room at Somers Middle School. Shake shake boogie woogie!

Water Xylophone

tinyurl.com/WaterXylophone
Learn how to make a water xylophone! A couple drinking glasses or mason jars and water are all you need for this tune-filled experiment!

Dance Party

tinyurl.com/StorytimePlaylist
Miss in-person Early Literacy Classes? Us too! We put together a Spotify playlist of our favorite children's songs. Grab your egg shakers and ribbon dancers and sing along to some familiar tunes from our Early Literacy Classes.



Ribbon Dancers

Ribbons tied to a ring add a new dimension to dancing and movement. Your child will delight in waving a simple ribbon dancer around while singing and dancing to music. The visual dance of ribbons encourages rhythm and coordination.



DIY Rhythm Sticks

Wooden dowels make great rhythm sticks, especially with a coat of colorful paint. Your child can tap their sticks to silly rhymes and songs, or use them as drum sticks on a box or upside down pan!

Puppet Karaoke

Make a paper bag puppet, play some of your child's favorite songs, and let the puppet sing karaoke!

