

## Songs

### Listening Songs

#### **Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear**

Teddy bear, teddy bear,  
turn around.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear,  
touch the ground.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear,  
reach up high.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear,  
touch the sky.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear,  
bend down low.  
Teddy bear, teddy bear,  
touch your toe.

#### **This the Way**

Tune: Mulberry Bush  
This is the way we use our ear,  
Use our ears, use our ears.  
This is the way we use our ears,  
To listen to our story.

You can substitute other words or phrases for story. For example, you might change story to directions, or to our teacher.

#### **Come and Listen**

Tune: Are You Sleeping  
Come and listen  
Come and listen  
To my song  
To my song  
Happy children singing  
Happy children singing  
Sing along, sing along.

### Onomatopoeia Songs

**Onomatopoeia** occurs when words are used that when pronounced approximate the sound made when the action is preformed. Onomatopoeia occurs in songs, poems, stories, and in everyday speech. Here are some examples.

#### **Sweetly Sings the Donkey**

*(sing in a round)*  
Sweetly sings the donkey  
at the break of day  
If you do not feed him  
this is what he'll say  
Hee-haw, hee-haw, hee-haw.

#### **Here the Lively Song**

Here the lively song  
Of the frogs in yonder pond  
Crick, crick, crickety-crick,  
Burr-ump!

#### **Old MacDonald Has a Band**

Old MacDonald has a band  
Mi, mi, re, re, do.  
And in this band he has some drums  
Mi, mi, re, re, do.  
With a rum-tum here,  
And a rum-tum there,  
Here a rum-tum, there a rum-tum  
Everywhere a rum-tum.  
Old MacDonald has a band  
The best band in the land.

...flutes...toot-toot...  
...fiddles...zing-zing...  
...cymbals...clang-clang...  
...guitars...strum-strum...

#### **My Busy Garden** Pam Schiller

**Tune:** She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain  
Oh, the ants are busy digging all around--dig,  
dig  
Oh, the ants are busy digging all around--dig,  
dig.  
See them scurry here and there--tossing dirt into  
the air  
Oh the ants are busy digging all around--dig,  
dig.  
  
Oh, the bees are busy buzzing all around--buzz,  
buzz  
Oh, the bees are busy buzzing all around--buzz,  
buzz.  
See them buzzing here and there--lots of pollen  
in the air  
Oh, the bees are busy buzzing all around--buzz,  
buzz.

Oh, spiders are busy spinning all around--spin,  
spin.  
Oh, spiders are busy spinning all around--spin,  
spin  
See them spinning low and high--better look out  
Mr. Fly  
Oh, the spiders are busy spinning all around--  
spin, spin.

Oh, the beetles are busy chewing all around--  
chomp, chomp!  
Oh, the beetles are busy chewing all around--  
chomp, chomp!  
See them chewing leaves and flowers--as they  
while away the hours.

Oh, the beetles are busy chewing all around--  
chomp, chomp.

Oh, the insects are all busy, in my garden--way  
busy!

Oh, the insects are all busy, in my garden--way  
busy!

Oh my garden is a buzzin' with insects by the  
dozen,

Oh, the insects are all busy, in my garden--way,  
busy!

### **All Around My Yard** Pam Schiller

**Tune:** Wheels on the Bus

The firefly at night goes blink blink blink

Blink blink blink blink blink blink

The firefly at night goes blink blink blink

All around my yard.

The bees in the flowers go buzz buzz buzz....

The ants in the grass go march march march...

The crickets in the leaves go chirp chirp chirp...

The caterpillar in the field goes creep creep  
creep....

The worm in the dirt goes munch, munch,  
munch...

### **Little Hunk of Tin** Adapted by Pam Schiller

**Tune:** I'm a Little Acorn Brown

I'm a little hunk of tin.

Nobody knows what shape I'm in.

Got four wheels and a tank of gas.

I can go but not too fast.

(Chorus):

Honk, honk

Rattle, rattle, rattle.

Crash, beep, beep.

Honk, honk

Rattle, rattle, rattle.

Crash, beep, beep.

I'm a little ice cream truck

I wobble, wobble like a duck.

Got four wheels and lots of cream,

I make children shout and scream.

(Chorus)

I'm a little yellow bus,

Newly painted, not a spot of rust,

Brand new wheels and kids inside

Hold on tight for a happy ride.

(Chorus)

### **Traditional Onomatopoeia Songs**

Wheels on the Bus

Six White Ducks

Five Little Ducks

Old MacDonald

## **Alliterative Songs**

**Alliteration** occurs when an initial letter sound is repeated in a group of words. It occurs in songs, stories and everyday speech. It is at the heart of tongue twisters, which children adore. Here are some examples of alliteration.

### **Miss Mary Mack**

Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack

All dressed in black, black, black

With silver buttons, buttons, buttons

All down her back, back, back.

She asked her mother, mother, mother

For fifteen cents, cents, cents

To see the elephants, elephants, elephants

Jump the fence, fence, fence.

They jumped so high, high, high

They touched the sky, sky, sky

And they didn't come back, back, back

Till the fourth of July, ly, ly.

And they didn't come down, down, down

Till the fourth of July.

### **A Sailor Went to Sea**

A sailor went to sea, sea, sea,

To see what she could see, see, see,

But all that she could see, see, see,

Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea.

### **Tiny Tim**

I had a little turtle,

His name was Tiny Tim.

I put him in the bathtub,

To see if he could swim.

He drank up all the water,

He ate up all the soap,

Tiny Tim was choking

On the bubbles in his throat.

In came the doctor,

In came the nurse,

In came the lady,

With the alligator purse.

They pumped out all the water,

They pumped out all the soap

They popped the airy bubbles

As they floated from his throat.

Out went the doctor,

Out went the nurse.

Out went the lady,

With the alligator purse.

### **Thelma Thumb**

*(move thumb as directed)*

Thelma Thumb is up  
and Thelma Thumb is down.  
Thelma Thumb is dancing  
all around the town.  
Dance her on your shoulders,  
dance her on your head.  
Dance her on your knees  
and tuck her into bed.

*Name other fingers; Phillip Pointer,  
Terry Tall, Richie Ring and Baby Finger,  
Finger Family and dance them  
on other body parts.*

### **Willoughby Wallaby Woo**

Willoughby wallaby wee,  
an elephant sat on me  
Willoughby wallaby woo,  
an elephant sat on you.  
Willoughby wallaby wustin,  
an elephant sat on Austin.  
Willoughby wallaby waria,  
an elephant sat on Maria.

Willoughby wallaby wee,  
a kangaroo hopped on me  
Willoughby wallaby woo,  
a kangaroo hopped on you.  
Willoughby wallaby wabrielle,  
a kangaroo hopped on Gabrielle.  
Willoughby wallaby wevan,  
a kangaroo hopped on Evan

Willoughby wallaby wee,  
a buffalo stepped on me  
Willoughby wallaby woo,  
a buffalo stepped on you.  
Willoughby wallaby warlos,  
a buffalo stepped on Carlos.  
Willoughby wallaby wadison,  
a buffalo stepped on Madison.

### **Songs Rich in Rhyme**

#### **Down by the Bay**

Down by the bay  
where the watermelons grow  
Back to my home  
I dare not go  
For if I do  
my mother will say  
"Did you ever see a pig  
dancing the jig?"  
Down by the bay.

...bear combing his hair...

...whale with a polka-dot tail...

...goose kissing a moose...

### **Willoughby Wallaby**

Willoughby wallaby wee, an elephant sat on me  
Willoughby wallaby woo, an elephant sat on you.  
Willoughby wallaby wustin, an elephant sat on  
Austin.  
Willoughby wallaby wadison, an elephant sat  
on Madison

### **Hanky Panky**

Down by the banks of the hanky panky,  
Where the bullfrogs jump from bank to banky  
With an Eep! Eep! Ope! Ope!  
Knee flop-l-dilly and ker-plop.

### **Catalina Magnalena**

She had a peculiar name  
but she wasn't to blame  
She got it from her mother  
who's the same, same, same.

Chorus: Catalina, Magnalena,  
Hootensteiner, Bogentwiner,  
Hogan, Logan, Bogan, was her name.

She had two peculiar teeth in her mouth  
One pointed north and the other pointed south.  
Chorus :

She had two peculiar eyes in her head  
One was purple and the other was red.  
Chorus:

She had two peculiar hairs on her chin  
One stuck out and the other stuck in.  
Chorus

Her feet were as flat as a bathroom mat  
I forgot to ask her how they got like that.  
Chorus:

### **Rime Time**

Tune: "The Addams Family"  
Rime time, rime time,  
Rime time, rime time, rime time.

There's can and there's pan,  
There's fan and there's ran.  
There's man and there's tan.  
The "an" family.

Pet, jet, vet, net, let, set...  
Like, hike, bike, mike, trike, pike...  
Pot, dot, hot, not, lot, got...  
Ball, call, hall, fall, tall, mall...  
Sit, lit, hit, kit, fit, pit...  
Book, look, cook, hook, took, nook...

## Songs that Teach Concepts

### Opposites

Sing Along with Me Pam Schiller

**Tune:** Mary Had a Little Lamb

This is big and this is small.

This is big; this is small.

This is big and this is small.

Sing along with me.

(Additional verses)

This is tall and this is short.

This is up and this is down.

This is sad and this is happy.

### Variations:

Sign Along with Me

Rhyming Words

### Reading

**Reader's Wiggle** (Tune: Hokey Pokey)

When I read a book

*(hold hands out palms up)*

I start from left to right

*(shake left hand, then right)*

And I do the very same thing

*(shake finger as if saying I told you so)*

When I want to write.

*(shake left hand, then right)*

I do the Reader Wiggle

*(shake hands over head, wiggle hips)*

And I turn myself about

*(turn around)*

That's how I read and write!

*(shake finger as if saying I told you so)*

### Chorus:

I do the R-e-a-d-e-r Wiggle,

*(hold hands overhead,*

*wiggle fingers, and turn around.*

*Repeat two more times)*

I do the R-e-a-d-e-r Wiggle,

I do the R-e-a-d-e-r Wiggle,

That's how I read and write!

*(shake finger as if saying I told you so)*

When I read The Three Bears

*(hold hands out palms up as if reading)*

I move from left to right

*(shake left hand, then right)*

I go from word to word

*(point finger as if moving word to word)*

And I know I've got it right

*(point to self—shake your head yes)*

I do the Reader Wiggle

*(shake hands over head, wiggle hips)*

And I turn myself about

*(turn around)*

That's how I read and write!

*(shake finger as if saying I told you so)*

Repeat Chorus

## Letter Knowledge

**The Weather Song** (Tune: Clementine)

It is sunny. It is sunny.

It is sunny in the sky.

S-u-n-n-y, sunny.

It is sunny in the sky!

Cloudy

Windy

Rainy

**S-M-I-L-E** (Tune: The Battle Hymn of the Republic)

It isn't any trouble just to s-m-i-l-e.

It isn't any trouble just to s-m-i-l-e.

So smile when you're in trouble-

It will vanish like a bubble.

If you only take the trouble just to s-m-i-l-e.

G-r-i-n—grin

L-a-u-g-h

Ha-Ha

## Songs for Fun

**The Iguana in Lavender Socks** Pam Schiller

**Tune:** On Top of Old Smokey

On top of a hillside,

All covered with rocks,

There lives an iguana,

With lavender socks.

She bathes in the sunshine

And cools in the lake.

She dines on tamales

And fly covered cake.

When she is happy

She plays her guitar.

And all the iguanas.

Think she's a rock star.

They dance on the hillside

And over the rocks.

They dance with the iguana

In lavender socks.

I love that iguana,

She's totally cool.

I wish that iguana

Would dance to my school.

### Calliope Song

Sound 1: Um pa pa, um pa pa...

Sound 2: Um tweedli-dee, um tweedli-dee...

Sound 3: Um shhh, um shhh, um shhh...

Divide children into four groups.  
Instruct group one to make sound 1.  
Group two to make sound 2.  
Group three to make sound 3.  
Group four will hum the circus song  
(the merry-go-round song)

### Nursery Rhyme Rewrites

#### Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the king's horses and all the king's men  
Couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again.

#### Humpty Dumpty 2

Adapted by Pam Schiller  
Humpty Dumpty sat on a hill,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great spill.  
That genius, Jack Horner, pulled out his glue  
And Humpty Dumpty's as good as new!

#### Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet sat on her tuffet  
Eating her curds and whey.  
Along came a spider  
And sat down beside her  
And frightened Miss Muffet away.

#### (New verse)

Pam Schiller  
Little Miss Muffet went back to her tuffet,  
Looked the thing square in the eye.  
"See here, you big spider,  
Miss Muffet's a fighter.  
And you're the one saying bye-bye."

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### Nursery Rhyme Rap

**Tune:** Ninety Nine Bottles of Pop

Jack and Jill went up the hill,  
To fetch a pail of water.  
Jack fell down and broke his crown,  
And Jill came tumbling after.

(Chorus) Oh, A B C D E F G...H I J K L...M N O  
P...Q R S...T U V W X Y Z!

Little Miss Muffet sat on her tuffet  
Eating her curds and whey.  
Along came a spider and sat down beside her,  
And frightened Miss Muffet away!  
Chorus

### This Old Man

Adapted by Pam Schiller  
Tune: This Old Man

This Old Man, he played drums  
With his fingers and his thumbs.

Chorus:

With a nick-nack paddy whack  
Won't you sing along?  
This Old Man is rockin' on.

This Old Man, he played flute,  
Made it hum and made it toot.

Chorus

This Old Man, he played strings,  
Twangs and twops and zips and zings.

Chorus

This Old Man, he played bass,  
With a big grin on his face.

Chorus

This Old Man, he could dance.  
He could strut and he could prance.

Chorus

This Old Man, he played gong  
At the end of every song.

Chorus

This Old Man was a band,  
Very best band in the land.

Chorus

### Three White Mice (Tune: Three Blind Mice)

Three white mice. Three white mice.  
See how they dance, See how they dance.  
They danced and danced for the farmer's wife  
Who played for them on a silver fife.  
Have you ever seen such a sight in your life?  
As three white mice. Three white mice.

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Hey diddle diddle the cat and the fiddle,  
The cow jumped over the moon.  
The little dog laughed to see such sport,  
And the dish ran away with the spoon!

Chorus

Little Boy Blue come blow your horn,  
The sheep's in the meadow; the cow's in the barn

Where is the boy who looks after the sheep?  
He's under the haystack fast asleep.

Chorus

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the king's horses and all the king's men,  
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

Chorus

## Songs that Teach Math Concepts

### Naming Attributes

If you're clever and you know it  
point to a square.  
If you're clever and you know it  
point to a square,  
If you're clever and you know it  
Then your brain will help you show it.  
If you're clever and you know it  
point to a square.  
One to One Correspondence

Point to something red  
Point to something big  
Point to something round

### The Three Bears Rap

Chh, chh-chh, chh, chh-chh, chh,  
Out is the forest in a wee little cottage lived the  
three bears,  
Chh, chh-chh, chh, chh-chh, chh,  
One was the Mama bear and one was the Papa  
bear  
And one was the Wee bear.  
Chh, chh-chh, chh, chh-chh, chh,  
Out of the forest came a walkin', stalkin' pretty  
little Goldilocks,  
And upon the door she was a knockin'. (cluck,  
cluck, cluck)  
But, no one was there, uh-uh, no one was there.  
So she walked right in had herself a bowl.  
She didn't care, uh-uh, she didn't care.  
Home, home, home came the three bears.  
"Someone's been eatin' my porridge," said the  
Mama bear.  
"Someone's been eatin' my porridge," said the  
Papa bear.  
"Baa-baa baree bear," said the little Wee bear.  
"Someone's broken my chair." ...Crash!  
Just then Goldilocks woke up, she broke up, the  
party  
And she beat it out of there.  
"Good-bye, good-bye, good-bye," said the  
Mama bear.  
"Good-bye, good-bye, good-bye," said the Papa  
bear.  
"Baa-baa baree bear," said the little Wee bear,  
That's the story of the three little bears --Yeah!

### Numeration

**Hickory Dickory Count** Pam Schiller  
Hickory dickory dock,  
(Sway side to side through verse.)  
We're moving with the clock.

The clock strikes one,  
(Hold up 1 finger.)  
It's time for fun,  
Hickory dickory dock.

Hickory dickory dock, (Clap)  
We're clapping with the clock?  
The clock strikes two, (Hold up 2 fingers.)  
Clap one --- clap two, (Clap on beats.)  
Hickory dickory dock.  
Clap two. (One...two) (Clap on beats.)

Hickory dickory dock, (Jump)  
We're jumping with the clock.  
The clock strikes three, (Hold up 3 fingers.)  
Jump one—jump two—jump three  
(Jump on beats.)  
Hickory dickory dock.  
Jump three. (One...two...three)  
(Jump on beats.)

Hickory dickory dock, (Hop)  
We're hopping with the clock.  
The clock strikes four, (Hold up 4 fingers.)  
Hop one—hop two---hop three---hop four  
(Hop on beats.)  
Hickory dickory dock.  
Hop four. (One...two...three...four)  
(Hop on beats.)

Hickory dickory dock, (March)  
We're stepping with the clock.  
The clock strikes five,  
Step one—step two---step three—step four---  
step five (March on beats.)  
Hickory dickory dock.  
Step five. (One...two...three...four...five)  
(March on beats.)

Hickory dickory dock, (Sway side to side.)  
We had fun with the clock.  
The clock is still, (Stand still.)  
It's time to stop.  
Hickory dickory dock. (Sway side to side.)

### Five Silly Monkeys

 Adapted by Pam Schiller

Five silly monkeys (Hold up five fingers.)  
Swingin' on a vine, (Swing fingers)  
Laughin' in the treetops  
Everything was fine.  
But then the wind blew—  
(Put hands beside mouth and blow.)  
One monkey fell....  
There were five monkeys, (Hold up five fingers.)  
Now there are four. (Fold one finger down.)

Four silly monkeys...  
Three silly monkeys...  
Two silly monkeys...

One silly monkey  
Swingin' on a vine,  
Laughin' in the treetops,  
Everything was fine.  
But then the wind blew,  
The monkey fell...  
No more monkeys,  
That's the end of this tale! (*Hold fisted hand up.*)

### **Five Little Speckled Frogs**

**Directions:** Five children sit in a row and the other children sit in a circle around them. All children act out the words to the song using their fingers as frogs.

Five little speckled frogs  
Sitting on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious bugs.  
(*Pretend to eat bugs.*)  
Yum! Yum! (*Rub tummy*)  
One jumped into the pool,  
(*One frog jumps into the center of the circle.*)  
Where it was nice and cool.  
(*Cross arms over chest and shiver.*)  
Now there are four little speckled frogs  
Burr-ump!

Repeat, counting down until there are no little speckled frogs.

### **Circle 'Round the Zero**

**Directions:** Stand in a circle as you sing the song. "IT" walks around the outside of the circle until you hear the lyrics, "Find your lucky zero." Then "IT" stops and stands back-to-back with the nearest child. "IT" moves to the side and front of the child as directed by the lyrics, then "IT" taps the chosen child's shoulder. Then that child becomes "IT".

Circle 'round the zero.  
Find your lucky zero.  
Back, back, zero.  
Side, side, zero.  
Front, front, zero.  
Tap your lucky zero. (Repeat)

