

Upgrading for Parents with Preschoolers

Children's Program Plan

Playing with Language

Word of the Day: "Vocabulary"

<p><u>Art or Special Activity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make puppets: Make puppets by drawing on your hands, a sock or a paper bag. Play rhyming and alliteration games using your puppets (see below). • Make instruments: (see adult curriculum and Parent/Child time) 	<p><u>Books</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hickory Dickory Dock</i>, by Jim Aylesworth • <i>In My Backyard</i>, by Jen Green • <i>Jillian Jiggs</i>, by Phoebe Gilman • <i>Jamberry</i>, by Bruce Degen • <i>Cat in the Hat</i>, by Dr. Seuss • <i>Six Sick Sheep</i>, by Cole and Calmenson • <i>Carlos Loves Reading</i>, by Jessica Spanyol • <i>Pair of Socks</i>, by Stuart J. Murphy • <i>Mama Don't Allow</i>, by Thacher Hurd
<p><u>Pre-Literacy Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "I Spy:" Play "I Spy" using rhyming words, for example, "I spy with...something that rhymes with ball." • Alliteration Skills: Use puppets and try to say tongue twisters, for example, "Swim, swan, swim" or "Ten tiny tigers." 	<p><u>Poems</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "I Once Had a Blanket" • "I See Three" • "Dinosaur Dig" • "The Sitter And The Butter" • "Pick and Choose," by Sydnie Meltzer Kleinhenz • "Swan Swam Over the Sea"
<p><u>Gross Motor Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher comes up with a rhyme and children act it out such as: "Mary is scary," "Ted likes to be fed," or "Rats sleep on mats." • Play Broken Telephone: Teacher whispers a sentence or phrase into one child's ear. Child finds another child to whisper the same phrase to. Continue until each child gets a turn. How accurate is the phrase at the end? 	<p><u>Songs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Willoughby Wallaby Woo" • "Down by the Bay" • "Old MacDonald Had a Band" • "BINGO" • "Aiken Drum" by Raffi? • "Mama Don't Allow No Banjo Playing"
<p><u>Numeracy Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math Language Sensory Play: Add to your sensory bin pairs of items that rhyme such as: a pail and a sail, a dog and a log, a cat and a hat. Discuss what a "pair" is. • Count by two's. 	<p><u>Parent/Child Time</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make instruments and have a marching band (see parent curriculum for instrument instructions). Incorporate any of the songs or poems listed above or use your favourite c.d. • Make a rhyming concentration game together (see adult curriculum).
<p><u>Notes/Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Silly Talk": Talk silly at snack time. For example, "Hey Silly Billy Nilly. Want a cracker, snacker, macker?" • Rhyming Resource: Use the poem "I Once Had a Blanket" and have pieces of coloured paper ready to give hints to younger children as to the rhyming colour you are looking for (see Appendix). • Rhyming Skills: When reciting poems or songs, leave the last rhyming word out and allow child to make the rhyme. 	

I Once Had a Blanket

I once had a blanket that was fluffy and new.
I once had a blanket and its colour was blue.

I once had a blanket, the prettiest I've seen.
I once had a blanket and its colour was green.

I once had a blanket as soft as a pillow.
I once had a blanket and its colour was yellow.

I once had a blanket at the foot of my bed.
I once had a blanket and its colour was red.

I once had a blanket and I took it to town.
I once had a blanket and its colour was brown.

I once had a blanket, oops it dropped in the sink.
I once had a blanket and its colour was pink.

I once had a blanket, it was the prettiest sight.
I once had a blanket and its colour was white.

I once had a blanket that I kept in a pack.
I once had a blanket and its colour was black.

I See Three

I see three
(Hold up hand and raise fingers alternately)
I see three – one, two, three.
Three little bunnies,
Reading the funnies.

I see three – one, two, three.
Three little kittens,
All wearing mittens.

I see three – one, two, three
Three little frogs,
Sitting on logs.

I see three – one, two, three.
Three little bears,
Climbing up the stairs.

Dinosaur Dig

I decided I'd do a dinosaur dig,
So I dug a deep hole in the dirt with a twig.
I dug and I dug and I dug up a rock.
I dug and I dug and I dug up a sock.

I dug and I dug and I dug up a ...
I dug and I dug and I dug up a ...

I dug and I dug and I started to holler.
I dug and I dug and I dug up a dollar.

The Sitter and the Butter and the Better Batter Fritter by Dennis Lee

My little sister's sitter
Got a cutter from the baker,
And she baked a little fritter
From a pat of bitter butter.
First she bought a butter beater
Just to beat the butter better,
And she beat the bit of butter
With the beater that she bought.

Then she cut the bit of butter
With the little butter cutter,
And she baked the beaten butter
In a beaten butter baker.
But the butter was too bitter
And she couldn't eat the fritter
So she set it by the cutter
And the beater that she bought.

And I guess it must have taught her
Not to use such bitter butter,
For she bought a bit of batter
That was sweeter than the butter.
And she cut the sweeter batter
With the cutter, and she beat her
Sweeter batter with a sweeter batter
Beater that she bought.

Then she baked a batter fritter
That was better than the butter
And she ate the better batter fritter
Just like that.

But while the better batter
Fritter sat inside the sitter--
Why, the little bitter fritter

Made of bitter butter bit her,
Bit my little sister's sitter
Till she simply disappeared.

Then my sister came to meet her
But she couldn't see the sitter--
She just saw the bitter butter
Fritter that had gone and et her;
So she ate the butter fritter
With a teaspoonful of jam.

Now my sister has a bitter
Butter fritter sitting in her,
And a sitter in the bitter
Butter fritter, since it ate her,
And a better batter fritter
Sitting in the silly sitter
In the bitter butter fritter
Sitting in my sister's tum.

Pick and Choose by Sydnie Meltzer Kleinhenz

I can pick a pack of soda pop.
Pick a pair of shoes.
I can pick a peck of pickled peppers.
Pick a pen to sue.

I can pick a pile of paper clips,
Or pick a piece of pork.
I can pick a pound of pumpernickel.
Pick a spoon or fork.

I can pick a toothpick.
Pick a tooth.
Or pick a pretty rose.
I can pick a friend, but I'm polite –
I'd never pick my nose.

Swim Swan

Swan swam over the sea,
Swim, swan, swim!
Swan swam back again,
Well swum, swan!

Willoughby Wallaby Woo by Dennis Lee

Willoughby, wallaby wee,
An elephant sat on me!
Willoughby, wallaby wustin,
An elephant sat on Justin!
Willoughby, wallaby wody,
An elephant sat on Cody!
Willoughby, wallaby wanny,
An elephant sat on Nanny!
Willoughby, wallaby wen,
An elephant sat on Ken!
Willoughby, wallaby woo,
An elephant sat on you!

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 fly
Wearing a tie?”
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 bear
Combing his hair?”
Down by the bay.

Down by the bay...
“Did you ever see a moose
Kissing a goose?”

Down by the bay...
“Did you ever see a whale
With a polka dot tail?”

Down by the bay...
“Did you ever see some llamas
Eating pajamas?”

Down by the bay...
“Did you ever have a time
When you couldn't make a rhyme?”

BINGO

There was a farmer who had a dog,
And Bingo was his name-o.

B-I-N-G-O

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B-I-N-G-O

And Bingo was his name-o.

There was a farmer who had a dog,
And Bingo was his name-o.

(clap)-I-N-G-O

(clap)-I-N-G-O

(clap)-I-N-G-O

And Bingo was his name-o.

There was a farmer who had a dog,
And Bingo was his name-o.

(clap)-(clap)-N-G-O

(clap)-(clap)-N-G-O

(clap)-(clap)-N-G-O

And Bingo was his name-o.

There was a farmer who had a dog,
And Bingo was his name-o.

(clap)-(clap)-(clap)-G-O

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And Bingo was his name-o.

Aiken Drum

Verse 1:

There was a man lived in the moon,
lived in the moon, lived in the moon,
There was a man lived in the moon,
and his name was Aiken Drum.

Chorus:

And he played upon a ladle,
a ladle, a ladle,
And he played upon a ladle,
and his name was Aiken Drum.

Verse 2:

And his hat was made of good cream cheese
of good cream cheese, of good cream cheese,
And his hat was made of good cream cheese,
and his name was Aiken Drum.

Repeat Chorus.

And his coat was made of good roast beef...
and his name was Aiken Drum.

Repeat Chorus.

And his buttons made of penny loaves...

Repeat Chorus.

And his breeches made of haggis bags...
and his name was Aiken Drum.

Repeat Chorus.

Mama Don't Allow No Banjo Playing Round Here

Mama don't allow no banjo playing round here,
Mama don't allow no banjo playing round here,
Well Mama don't allow, Mama don't allow,
We're gonna do it any old how!
Mama don't allow no banjo playing round here,

Mama don't allow no hand clapping round here,
Mama don't allow no hand clapping round here,
Well Mama don't allow, Mama don't allow,
We're gonna do it any old how!
Mama don't allow no hand clapping round here.

Mama don't allow no toe tapping round here,
Mama don't allow no toe tapping round here,
Well Mama don't allow, Mama don't allow,
We're gonna do it any old how!
Mama don't allow no toe tapping round here.

Mama don't allow no knee knocking round here,
Mama don't allow no knee knocking round here,
Well Mama don't allow, Mama don't allow,
We're gonna do it any old how!
Mama don't allow no knee knocking round here.

Mama don't allow no yee haw-ing round here,
Mama don't allow no yee haw-ing round here,
Well Mama don't allow, Mama don't allow,
We're gonna do it any old how!
Mama don't allow no yee haw-ing round here.