

RHYMING

Lesson

Rhyming is fundamental when learning how to read. Rhyming can increase a child's adoration for reading, teaches children about their language, and familiarizes them with word groupings such as hall, fall, mall, ball, tall, wall, etc. Rhyming is important because it teaches children about the patterns and structures of both the spoken and written language. When teaching your child the basics of rhyming, a great place to start is with songs. Songs that enforce rhyming are fun, and they also help with learning the rhythm of the language.



Music Time

GOT MY TOOTHPASTE

Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"

Got my toothpaste, got my brush,

I won't hurry, I won't rush.

Making sure my teeth are clean,

Front and back and in between.

When I brush for quite a while,

I will have a happy smile.

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* Not only does this increase your child's awareness of words that rhyme, but it also promotes good dental care.

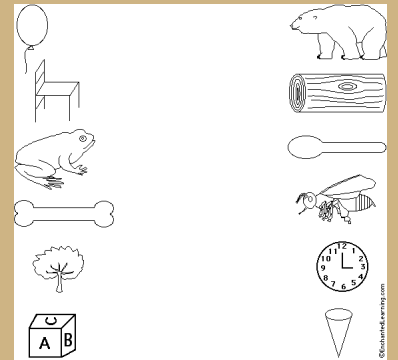
Snack Time

Prepare a snack with rhyming portions. Suggestions include bread with *jam* and crackers with *ham*, *cheese* and *peas*, *mashed potatoes* and *tomatoes*, or *macaroni* and *baloney*. Reinforce how the food rhymes as you eat!



Activity & Games

Match the Words that Rhyme:
Draw a line connecting the pictures at the right that rhyme.



Reading Time

- There's a Wocket in My Pocket!: Dr. Seuss's Book of Ridiculous Rhymes, by Dr. Seuss
- This Little Piggy and Other Rhymes to Sing and Play, by Will Hillenbrand
- Read to Me Grandma: Stories, Songs and Rhymes for You to Enjoy Together, by C. Repchuck