

# Year-Round Songs for Daily Routines

## Good Morning Song

Good morning. Good morning. It's a good good good good morning.  
We say hello and how are you To all our friends and the grown-ups too.  
Good morning. Good morning. It's a good good good good morning.

## Weather Song ([tune](#) *Darling Clementine*)

What's the weather? what's the weather? what's the weather like today?  
Is it sunny, is it rainy, is it windy out today?  
What's the weather? what's the weather? what's the weather like today?  
Is it snowy, is it stormy, is it cloudy out today?

## Days of the Week

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
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Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Seven days, seven days,  
seven days of the week  
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

Five more minutes. Five more minutes to play.  
Five more minutes till we put the toys away.

([Tune](#)) Clean Up. Clean Up. Everybody Everywhere.  
Clean Up. Clean Up. Everybody Do Your Share.

It's time to go outside... [echo] with all of our friends [echo].  
We'll sing again another day. [echo] but now it's time to play. [echo]

It's time to say goodbye. [echo] To some of our friends. [echo]  
We'll see you all another day. [echo] Then we'll all have time to play. [echo]

([Tune](#): If you're happy...)  
See you soon raccoon. Bye Bye. See you soon raccoon. Bye Bye.  
See you later alligator. After a while crocodile. See you soon raccoon. Bye Bye.

# September: School and Apples

## Rhyme

Ten red apples growing on a tree *hold hands high w/ fingers extended*  
Five for you and five for me *wave one hand, then the other*  
Help me shake the tree just so *shake tree*  
And ten red apples will fall below *lower hands & wiggle fingers*  
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10!

## Songs

Picked an Apple ([Tune](#): Clementine)

Picked an apple, picked an apple,  
That was growing in the sun,  
Then I washed it, and I ate it,  
Then I picked another one.

([Tune](#)) Way up high in the apple tree.  
Two little apples smiled at me.  
I shook that tree just as hard as I could.  
Down came the apples, and mmmmm they were good.

Apple Pie ([Tune](#): here we go round the Mulberry Bush)  
This is the way we pick the apples, Pick the apples, pick the apples.  
This is the way we pick the apples. On an autumn day.  
This is the way we wash the apples... slice the apples.... add cinnamon...  
roll the dough... bake the pie... eat the pie...

Back to School ([tune](#) Wheels on the Bus)  
Here we are now, back at school, back at school, back at school.  
Here we are now, back at school, all year long.  
We are going to learn new songs... We're going to read fun books...  
We will learn to ride the bikes... We'll get to play on the playground... And so on!

[Books](#): Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes and Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Dean.  
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Martin. If you're happy and you know it Ormerod.

# October: Farm, Pumpkins, Spiders

## Rhymes

I went to the farm the other day, I saw a cow across the way. And what do you think I heard her say?  
Moo is what I heard her say. MOO!!! [And so on]

Five little jack-o-lanterns sitting on a gate. The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late."  
The second one said, "Shhhh! I hear a noise." The third one said, "It's some girls and boys!"  
The fourth one said, "Let's run & run & run!" The fifth one said, "We're ready for some fun!"  
Whoosh! went the wind and out went the lights and five little jack-o-lanterns rolled out of sight.

## Songs

Pacific NW Plants ([Tune](#): Ram Sam Sam)

A Douglas Fir, A Douglas Fir. A tiny little mushroom and a Douglas Fir. X2

Salal, and Sword Ferns. A tiny little mushroom and a Douglas Fir.

A Red Cedar, A Red Cedar. Some Oregon Grape and a Red Cedar. X2

Big Leaf Maple. Blackberries. Some Oregon Grape and a Red Cedar

([Tune](#)) Old McDonald had a farm. E - I - E - I O.

And on that farm he had a \_\_\_\_\_. E - I - E - I - O.

With a \_\_\_\_\_ here and a \_\_\_\_\_ there. Here a \_\_\_\_\_ there a \_\_\_\_\_

Everywhere a \_\_\_\_\_. Old McDonald had a farm. E-I - E-I O

The Wheels on the tractor go round and round... All around the farm.

The cows on the farm go moo, moo, moo... // pigs oink, chickens cluck... ([tune](#))

([Tune](#)) The Itsy Bitsy Spider went up the water spout.

Down came the rain and washed the spider out.

Out came the sun and dried up all the rain.

And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again.

[Tune](#): Did You Ever See a Lassie

Oh, once I had a pumpkin, a pumpkin, a pumpkin,

Oh, once I had a pumpkin with no face at all.

With no eyes and no nose and no mouth and no teeth,

Oh, once I had a pumpkin with no face at all.

So I made a jack-o-lantern, jack-o-lantern, jack-o-lantern,

So I made a jack-o-lantern with a big funny face.

With big eyes and a big nose and a big mouth and big teeth,

So I made a jack-o-lantern with a big funny face.

[Books](#): Barnyard Dance by Boynton, Old McDonald Poke-a Dot by Melissa & Doug, Old Mikamba Had a Farm by Isadora; Itsy Bitsy by Trapani

# November: Fall, Gratitude, Harvest

## Rhymes

This is the tree bare & brown (*make tree with hand*)  
These are the last leaves fluttering down. (*finger flutters*)  
This is the squirrel with eyes so bright (*point to eyes*)  
Hunting for nuts with all his might! (*searching gesture*)  
This is the hole where day by day, (*open fist*) Nut after nut he stores away. (*stuff in 'nuts'*)  
When winter comes with its cold & storm, (*shiver*)  
He'll sleep curled up, snug & warm! (*rest head on hands*)

Three little leaves so bright and gay, (hold up 3 fingers)  
Were dancing on a tree one day. (wiggle fingers)  
The wind came blowing through the town, (hold hands by mouth, blow)  
One leaf came tumbling down. (roll hands downward) *Repeat...*

## Songs

Thumb in the thumb place, fingers all together  
We're wearing mittens in the cold cold weather.  
Thumb in the thumb place, fingers spread apart.  
Gloves let us count to 5, you know just how to start. 1 – 2 – 3- 4 5 ([tune](#))

([Tune](#): *Wheels on the Bus*) The leaves on the trees turn orange and red,  
orange and red, orange and red  
The leaves on the trees turn orange and red, all around the town.  
The leaves on the trees come twirling down... // We rake up the leaves now, rake, rake, rake...

Hickory Dickory Dock, the mouse ran up the clock.  
The clock struck one and down he run, hickory dickory dock.  
Two... mouse said boo. Three... mouse said whee. Four... mouse said no more. ([Tune](#))

May there always be sunshine.  
May there always be blue skies.  
May there always be rainbows.  
May there always be stars. ([Tune](#).)

...mommies... daddies... families who care for you. ... painting... play-dough, preschool with fun things to do

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy *To the tune of [Peanut butter and jelly](#)*  
First you take potatoes and you peel 'em, you peel 'em, x 2  
Singing "Potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy! Potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy!"  
Then you take potatoes and you boil 'em, Then you mash 'em... And you eat 'em ...

[Books: Hickory Dickory Dock; May there always be sunshine – Gill; Mary Had a Little Lamb by Hoberman](#)

# December: Bears, Hibernation

## Rhymes

Here is a cave, (make a fist) Inside is a bear. (put the thumb in)  
Now he comes out To get some fresh air. (pop out thumb)  
He stays out all summer In sunshine and heat.  
He hunts in the forest For berries to eat. (move thumb in a circle)  
When snow starts to fall, He hurries inside  
His warm little cave, And there he will hide. (put thumb back inside fist)  
Snow covers the cave Like a fluffy white rug.  
Inside the bear sleeps All cozy and snug. (cover fist with other hand)

Five little bears heard a loud roar. One ran away. Then there were four!  
Four little bears climbing a tree. One slipped down. Then there were three.  
Three little bears, looking at the view. One fell asleep. Then there were two!  
Two little bears tired from lots of fun. One went home. Then there was one!  
One little bear feeling all alone ran to his mother. Then there were none!  
One little bear wondering what to do, Along came another, Then there were two.  
Two little bears were chasing a bee. Along came another. Then there were three.  
Three little bears, looking for some more. Along came another, Then there were 4.  
Four little bears, Found honey in a hive, Along came another, Then there were 5.

## Songs

The Weather's Getting Cold ([Tune](#): Wheels on the Bus)  
The weather's getting cold so bundle up, bundle up, bundle up! (rub arms)  
The weather's getting cold so bundle up, winter's coming soon!  
The bears in the cave sleep all the time... (sleep on hands)  
The squirrels in the trees get lots of nuts... (rake up nuts with hands)  
The frogs and the toads go deep in the mud... (hop like frogs)  
The ducks and the geese fly down south... (flap arms)  
The people in the town wear hats and gloves... (pat head, put on gloves)

Are you sleepy little bear? ([Tune](#) "Frere Jacques")  
Are you sleepy, Are you sleepy, Little bear, little bear?  
Wintertime is coming, Wintertime is coming, Very soon, very soon.  
Find a cave, Find a cave, Little bear, little bear  
Wintertime is here, Wintertime is here, Go to sleep, go to sleep.  
You are sleeping, You are sleeping, Little bear, little bear.  
You'll wake up in springtime; In the warm, warm springtime. Little bear, little bear  
Time to wake up, Time to wake up; Little bear, little bear  
Springtime is here, springtime is here. Wake up now, wake up now!

**Books:** Jingle Bells by Jeffers or Kovalski; Bear went over the mountain by Cabrera, Bear Went Over the Mountain by Trapani

# January: Winter and Snow

## Rhymes

3 little snowmen riding on a sled. One fell off and bumped his head  
Mama called the dr. and the dr. said No more snowmen riding on the sled. [Etc.]

Five little snowmen standing in a row (*hold up 5 fingers*)  
Each with a hat (pat head) and a big red bow (*pull at neck like a bow tie*)  
Along came the sun "(arms form big circle over head)" and it shone all day (*lean to the left*)  
And one of those snowmen melted away!

Here's a great big hill, (*hold arm out to make a hill*) With snow all down the side, (*wiggle fingers downward*)  
Let's take our speedy sleds, (*place hand on shoulder*) And down the hill we slide! (*slide hand down arm*)

## Songs

Sled. ([tune](#): Farmer in the Dell)  
I'm riding on my sled, I'm riding on my sled,  
Hey ho just watch me go, I'm riding on my sled.  
I'm going oh so fast... I'm goin' round the bend...

Snow is Falling ([tune](#): skip to my lou)  
Snow is falling, what do I do? Snow is falling, what do I do?  
Snow is falling, what do I do? What do I do, my darling  
I'll build a snowman bigger than you! I'll build a snowman bigger than you!  
I'll build a snowman bigger than you! That's what I'll do, my darling!  
I'll ride my sled fast, how about you? I'll ride my sled fast, how about you?  
I'll ride my sled fast, how about you? That's what I'll do, my darling!

([tune](#): Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star) -  
Snowflake, snowflake, fancy free, Snowflake, snowflake, dance with me.  
First on my head, then on my toes,  
Then on my nose, where the cold wind blows,  
Snowflake, snowflake, turn around,  
Snowflake, snowflake, touch the ground.  
Snowflake, snowflake, fancy free, Snowflake, snowflake, dance with me.  
Touch my ear, then my knees, Snowflake, snowflake, time to freeze!  
Snowflake, snowflake, turn around,  
Snowflake, snowflake, touch the ground.

This Old Man ([tune](#))  
This old man, he played one, he played knick knack on my thumb,  
with a knick knack paddywhack, give a dog a bone, this old man came rolling home.  
Two... shoe. Three knee. Four door. Five hive. Six sticks. Seven up in heaven. Eight – plate. Nine – spine. Ten – once again

10 in the bed ([tune](#))  
There were Ten in the Bed and the Little One Said Roll Over Roll Over.  
So they all rolled over and one fell out.

[Books](#): Roll Over by Peek; Ten on the Sled by Norman; Ten in the Bed by Cabrera; Knick Knack Paddywhack

# February – Valentines, Lunar New Year, Moon, Stars

## Rhymes

Five sweet valentines from the ten cent store. I gave one to Mommy, now there are four.  
Four sweet valentines, lovely ones to see. I gave one to Daddy, now there are three.  
Three sweet valentines, shiny red and new. I gave one to Grandma, now there are two.  
Two sweet valentines, my we have fun. I have one to Grandpa, now there is one.  
One sweet valentine, the giving's almost done, I gave one to my teacher and now there are none.

[Rhyme] Star Light, Star Bright, First star I see tonight.  
I wish I may, I wish I might, Have the wish I wish tonight...

## Songs

Skinamarink. ([Tune](#) and video of usual motions, [video of ASL signs](#))  
Skinamarink a-dink, a-dink, Skinamarink a-doo, I love you. (repeat)  
I love you in the morning, And in the afternoon;  
I love you in the evening, And underneath the moon.  
Skinamarink a-dink, a-dink, Skinamarink a-doo, I love you.

Lion Dance for Lunar New Year (Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb. [Video with tune](#))  
See the lion dance and prance, Dance and prance, dance and prance.  
See the lion dance and prance, On Lunar New Year's Day!  
Hear the firecrackers pop, Pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop  
Hear the firecrackers pop, On Lunar New Year's Day!  
Hear the drums go boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom,  
Hear the drums go boom, boom, boom, And scare Nian\* away!

[[Tune](#)] Zoom Zoom Zoom, we're going to the moon.  
Zoom Zoom Zoom, we're going to the moon.  
If you want to take a trip, climb aboard my rocket ship.  
Zoom Zoom Zoom, we're going to the moon. In 5 – 4- 3- 2 – 1 – Blast Off!!!

[[Tune](#): Farmer in the Dell]  
The sun is in the sky. The sun is in the sky.  
Hot and bright it gives us light. The sun is in the sky.  
The moon is in the sky. The moon.... Round & round the earth it goes. The moon...  
The stars are in the sky. The stars.... They twinkle bright all through the night. The...

We'll be orbiting (tune: She'll be coming round the mountain. [Video](#))  
We'll be orbiting around the moon, yes we will  
We'll be orbiting around the moon, yes we will  
We'll be orbiting around the moon X 3 Yes we will  
Other verses: We'll be landing on the Moon We'll be walking on the Moon We'll collect some lunar rocks.  
We'll be blasting off again We'll be landing back on Earth

[Books](#): Twinkle Tw... by Cabrera; Twinkle Tw Pete the Cat by Dean, Twinkle Tw Winter Night by Litwin, then Twinkle Tw Little Car by Dopirak.

# March – Machines (Transportation & Robots)

## Rhymes / Chants

I'm a little choo-choo train; Chugging down the track.

First I go forward, Then I go back.

Now my bell is ringing, Hear my whistle blow.

What a lot of noise I make Everywhere I go!

Zoom Down the Freeway, Zoom Down the Freeway, Zoom Down the Freeway Fast

Up Goes the Drawbridge, Up Goes the Drawbridge, the boat has passed at last.

Zoom Down the Freeway, Zoom Down the Freeway, Zoom Down the Freeway. EXIT!!!

## Songs

What would you do if a robot came to tea. (tune: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3MVWpXrB5o>)

What would you do if a robot came to tea?

Just look at me and a robot you will see.

Robots at attention. Robots let's begin.

Right arm

Left arm; Both feet; Shake head; Sit down

Drive the Fire Truck (tune)

Hurry, hurry! Drive the fire truck! Hurry, hurry! Drive the fire truck!

Hurry, hurry! Drive the fire truck! Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding!

The Wheels on the Bus. (Tune)

The wheels on the bus go round and round,

Round and round, round and round,

The wheels on the bus go round and round,

All through the town.

Robot Song (Tune: "The Wheels on the Bus")

The dials on the robot turn left and right, left and right, left and right

The dials on the robot turn left and right, All day long.

.. head of the robot turns side to side... lights on robot blink on and off... voice of robot says beep, beep, beep

Down by the Station (tune: <https://kcls.org/content/down-by-the-station/> )

Down by the station early in the morning.

See the little puffer bellies all in a row.

See the engine driver, pull his little lever.

Puff puff! Toot toot! Off we go!

Books: Wheels on the Bus books by: Raffi, Cabrera, Blackstone; Down by the Station by Down



# April - Spring

## Rhymes

This is a nest for a Bluebird *cup both hands*  
This is a hive for a Bee *fists together*  
This is a hole for a bunny *All Fingers touching*  
And this is a house for me *Finger tips together for a roof peak*

Here is a beehive. *hold up fist*  
But, where are the bees? Hidden away, where nobody sees.  
Soon, they come creeping out of the hive... *lift up fingers one by one*  
1,2,3,4,5 — buzzzzzz! *Buzz the bees to tickle*

## Songs

**A Little Drop of Rain Hits the Ground** ([Tune](#): If you're happy and you know it)  
First a little drop of rain hits the ground. (Tap one finger on your palm.)  
Then another drop of rain hits the ground. (Tap two fingers on your palm.)  
Then another and another and another and another. (Tap more till whole hand clapping.)  
And pretty soon you hear a different sound. Splash! (Clap loudly, end with one big clap.)

**Five Little Ducks** ([Tune](#))  
Five little ducks went out one day, over the hills and far away.  
Mama Duck said quack quack quack quack but only 4 little ducks came running back.

**Five Green and Speckled Frogs** ([Tune](#))  
Five Green and Speckled Frogs sat on a speckled log, eating some most delicious bugs. Yum yum.  
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool and now there are four green and speckled frogs.

**A Bee is On My Toe** ([Tune](#): Farmer in the Dell)  
A bee is on my toe. A bee is on my toe. Heigh-ho just watch me blow.  
A bee is on my toe. (blow gently on toe)  
repeat with on my nose, on my head, on my ear...

**I'll plant a little seed in the ground** ([Tune](#): I'm a little teapot)  
I'll plant a little seed in the dark, dark ground. (*bend down and plant a seed on the floor*)  
Out comes the yellow sun, big and round. (*raise your arms to make a big circle over your head*)  
Down comes the cool rain, soft and slow. (*raise your fingers up and down to make rain*)  
Up comes the little seed, grow, grow, grow! (*squat on the floor and rise up slowly*)

**In a cabin in the woods** ([Tune](#))  
In a cabin in the wood, (draw house) little man by the window stood. (hand above eyes, looking)  
Saw a rabbit hopping by, (fingers hopping) knocking at his door. (knocking)  
Help me, help me, the rabbit said. (hands flapping up)  
Or the farmer will bop my head. (pretend to grab a bunny and bop them with other hand)  
Come little rabbit, come inside, (wave them inside) I'll take care of you. (hugging gesture)

**Books:** Several versions of Five Little Ducks and of Over in the Meadow

# May - Ocean

Rhymes:

One, two, three, four, five. Once I caught a fish alive.  
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten. Then I let him go again.  
Why did you let him go? Because he bit my finger so!  
Which little finger did he bite? This little finger on the right.

I walked to the beach, (Swing arms and walk in place)  
And what did I see? (Put hands over eyes, looking)  
A lot of little fish, (Place hands together, wiggle)  
Looking at me! (Point to self) I jumped into the water, (Jump)  
And splashed all around. (Put palms down; make splashing motions.)  
The fish swam away, (Place hands together; wiggle)  
And didn't make a sound! (Put fingers to lips)

Songs:

Little fish (video of [tune](#) – my words are different)  
Little fish, little fish, Swimming in the water, little fish, little fish, Gulp, gulp, gulp.  
Oh no! It's been eaten by a  
Bigger fish, bigger fish, Swimming in the water....  
Octopus...wiggling... Great white shark... lurking... Big blue whale.... Spouting... end with Splash, splash splash instead of gulp

All the Fish ([tune](#))  
All the fish are swimming in the water, Swimming in the water,  
Swimming in the water. All the fish are swimming in the water (swimming motions with arms)  
Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble...SPLASH!  
All the ducks are paddling in the water, All the frogs are jumping; kids are splashing

Jumping on the Beach ([tune](#): Farmer in the Dell)  
We're jumping on the beach, We're jumping on the beach,  
We're jumping, jumping, jumping, jumping, jumping on the beach.  
We're digging in the sand, We're digging in the sand,  
We're digging, digging, digging, digging, digging in the sand.  
We're swimming in the sea, We're swimming in the sea,  
We're swimming, swimming, swimming, swimming, swimming in the sea.

**Books:** Row Your Boat (versions by: Cabrera; Borgert, Goodhart, Kubler); Down By the Bay by Raffi; Baby Shark by Bajet; Over in the Ocean by Berkes; Baby Beluga by Raffi.