

Songs We Sing All Year

Circle Time (tune: The More We Get Together)

It's time to make a circle, a circle, a circle.
It's time to make a circle so we can have fun.

End of Opening Circle

Circle Time is Over, It's Time to go and Play,
What do you think that you will try today?

Clean Up Time ([Tune](#))

Clean Up. Clean Up. Everybody Everywhere.
Clean Up. Clean Up. Everybody Do Your Share.

Alphabet Song (we start singing it in November; [tune](#) Clementine)

What's our letter, what's our letter what's our letter for today?
What's the letter from the alphabet that we will learn today?

End of Class – Teddy Bear ([Tune](#))

Teddy Bear Teddy Bear Turn Around.
Teddy Bear Teddy Bear Touch the Ground.
Teddy Bear Teddy Bear Peek-a-Boo.
Teddy Bear Teddy Bear I love you.
Teddy Bear Teddy Bear Reach Up High.
Teddy Bear Teddy Bear Wave Bye-Bye.

September: Babies, Family, Apples

Lap Rhymes/Songs

Trot Trot to Boston, Trot Trot to Dover, Watch out Baby or You Might Fall Over.
Trot Trot to Boston, Trot Trot to Lynn, Trot to the Charles River, but don't Fall In.

Finger Rhymes

Look at my apple, so shiny and round. (*cup hands*)
It fell from a tree, down to the ground. (*point up, then down*)
Come, let me share my apple with you. (*beckoning motion*)
My mother will slice the apple in two – (*slicing motion*)
One half for me, and one half for you. (*pull one hand toward self, reach out with other hand*)

(Tune: Rock-a-Bye Baby)

My apple tree has big leaves so green. (*forearms together to make trunk, fingers spread for branches*)
Here are apples that hang in between. (*make hands into fists for apples*)
When the wind blows, *the apples will fall*. (*wave arms in the wind and let apples fall suddenly*)
Let's use a basket and gather them all. (*make a basket with both hands*)

Songs

Picked an Apple [Tune: Oh My Darling 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.

Shakers

Oh you shake and you shake and you shake and you stop. X3
Oh you shake and you shake and you stop. [slower]
Shake them up high, shake them down low.
Shake them on your tummy and way down on your toes.

Active Songs for Closing Circle

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. ([tune](#))

[Apple Pie](#) (*Tune of 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.... roll the dough... bake the pie... eat the pie...

October: Farm, Pumpkins, Spiders

Lap Rhymes/Songs

A bouncing we will go, A bouncing we will go,
Hi-ho, the derry-o! A bouncing we will go.

...A rocking we will go... A hugging we will go ([Tune](#))

Pumpkin, pumpkin Sitting on a wall (bouncing)
Pumpkin, pumpkin Tip and fall (*have children tip over*)
Pumpkin, pumpkin, Rolling down the street (*roll upper body around and around*)
Pumpkin, pumpkin Trick or treat!!!! (rise up, drop down)

Giddy up, giddy up ride to town, Giddy up, giddy up, UP and DOWN.
Giddy up faaaast, giddy up slow Giddy up, giddy up, giddy up, WHOA!

Finger Rhymes and Songs

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout
Down came the rain & 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 and lyrics](#) in English, Spanish, Russian, Amharic)

[Tune](#): *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*

Pumpkin, pumpkin on the ground (crouch down)
How'd you get so big and round? (stretch arms to make a circle)
Once you were a seed so small, (pretend to hold a seed)
Now you are a great big ball! (make big circle with hands)
Pumpkin, pumpkin on the ground (crouch down)How'd you get so big and round?

Closing Circle

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands, If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands,
If you're happy and you know it, Then your face will surely show it
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. ([Tune](#) and lyrics in English, Hindi, Japanese, Russian, Ukrainian, Vietnamese)
If you're sad – you can cry... If you're scared... you say “eek”.... If you're mad... you can stomp...

Oh well, we walk and we walk and we walk and we stop.
Oh well, we walk and we walk and we walk and we stop.
Oh well, we walk and we walk and we walk and we stop.
Oh well, we walk and we walk and we stop...

November: Fall

Lap Rhymes

I bounce you here, I bounce you there. I bounce you, bounce you everywhere.

I tickle you here, I tickle you there. I tickle you, tickle you everywhere.

I hug you here, I hug you there. I hug you, hug you everywhere.

Five little riders on a nice fall day; Jumped on their ponies and rode far away
They galloped in the meadow They galloped up a hill. They galloped so fast that they all took a spill.

Songs

Where is Thumbkin, Where Is Thumbkin? ([tune](#)) Here I am! Here I am.

How are you today sir? Very well I thank you. Run away. Run away. [Pointer/tall man /ring man/pinkie)

Weather Song ([tune](#) Skip to my Lou.)

It is cold out, what should I do? X 3 What should I do my darling?

Put my coat on, that's what I'll do. X3. That's what I'll do my darling.

...Wind is blowing... Put my hood up... Rain is falling... Put on rainboots

[Tune](#): London Bridge

Little raindrops falling down, falling down, falling down

Little raindrops falling down, falling to the ground (tapping one finger on palm)

...Bigger raindrops (clap) Giant raindrops (stomp or clap thighs)...

([Tune](#): *Farmer in the Dell*)

The leaves are turning red, The leaves are turning red,

Hi, ho, the derrio, The leaves are turning red... orange... yellow

Shape Song [Tune](#) – London Bridge

Do you know what shape this is? Shape this is? Shape this is?

Do you know what shape this is and do you have one too?

If you do, then give a shake, give it a shake, give it a shake,

If you do then give it a shake and shout out "hooray for Squares!"

Rhyme

Here is a mitten (hold up hand). A snug, fuzzy one (rub palms together)

With one place for my fingers (wiggle fingers) and one place for my thumb (wiggle)

Here are two mittens (hold up 2 hands), A colorful sight (move hands back / forth)

One for my left hand (hold up) and one for my right. (hold up)

Here are out mittens (hold up hands). As soft as can be (stroke hand)

A warm pair for you (point) and a warm pair for me! (point)

December: Bears and Hibernating

Lap Bounce

Tick Tock, Tick Tock. I'm a little cuckoo clock. Now it's almost one o'clock. Cuckoo. (Lift up on cuckoo. Repeat with 2:00, and cuckoo twice, repeat with 3:00. [Tune](#))

Finger Rhyme

Two little black bears sitting on a hill, One named Jack, one named Phil,
Run away Jack, run away Phil. Come back Jack, come back Phil.
Two little black bears digging in the snow. One named Fast and one named Slow...
Two little black bears looking at a cloud. One named Quiet and one named Loud..

Songs

[Bear is sleeping](#) ([Tune](#): Frere Jacques)

Bear is sleeping, bear is sleeping (*lay head on hands*)
wake him up, wake him up (*make peek-a-boo motion with hands*)
Come and say hello bear, come and say hello bear (*wave hello*)
Time to eat, time to eat (*grab food and put in mouth*)

Bear is sleeping. Bear is sleeping. (*lay head on hands*)
Bird flew south. Bird flew south. (*flying hands*)
Squirrel's storing acorns. Squirrel's storing acorns. (*squirrel gathering*)
In her mouth. In her mouth. (*"put in mouth" To end song, puff cheeks up as if they're very full*)

[Little Baby Bear](#) ([Tune](#): 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic')

Little baby bear likes to run and run and run. Little baby bear likes to run and run and run
Little baby bear likes to run and run and run. And he runs the whole day long!

Little baby bear likes to climb and climb and climb. . .
Little baby bear likes to eat and eat and eat. . .
Little baby bear likes to sleep and sleep and sleep. . .

[Grizzlies, Polars and Teddies](#) ([tune](#) Mary Had a Little Lamb)

Grizzly bears are big and brown, big and brown, big and brown.
Grizzly bears are big and brown and live in the woods.
Polar bears are soft and white. soft and white, soft and white
Polar bears are soft and white and live where it is cold.
Teddy bears are just my size, just my size, just my size,
Teddy bears are just plain right to cuddle with at night.

January: Winter and Snow

Lap Bounce

I'm toast in the toaster And I'm getting very hot! Tick, tock, Tick, tock Up I pop!

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 ...

Finger Rhymes and Songs

Up the mountain (run your fingers up one of their arms)

Down the other side (then run fingers down their other arm)

Brr it's cold out... (hug them tight) Let's climb inside! (tickle their neck with fingers under their collar)

Two little penguins sitting on the ice (Hold up index fingers)

One bows once, the other bows twice (Make finger bow)

Waddle, little penguins, waddle away (Put finger behind back) Come back penguins, time to play

Little Snowflake Swirling Round ([Tune](#): London Bridges)

Little snowflake twirling round, Twirling round, twirling round

Little snowflake twirling round. Lands on my *head*!

Scarves

Someone is hiding, hiding, hiding, someone is hiding. Who could it be? Who could it be?

Now it's time to come out. (2x) Peek a boo! Peek a boo!

Jack in the Box rhyme (hide the scarf in your hand, then let it pop out)

Jack in the Box, so quiet and still, won't you come out? Yes I will!

Closing Circle Songs

What's our letter, what's our letter what's our letter for today?

What's the letter from the alphabet that we will learn today? ([tune](#) Clementine)

Hokey Pokey ([tune](#))

You put your arm in, You put your arm out,

You put your arm in And you shake it all about.

You do the hokey pokey and you turn yourself around

That's what it's all about! (Leg, head, whole self)

February: Zoo, Wild Animals

Lap Bounce

A hip, a hip, a hippopotamus Got on, got on, got on a city bus
And all, and all, and all the people said, "You're squishing us!" (hug baby)
A sheep, a sheep, a sheep got on a city bus... people said, "Baaack up!" (lean back)
A cow, a cow, a cow got on ... people said, "Mooove over!" (lean sideways) ([video](#))

Songs

Tune: Itsy Bitsy Spider ([video](#))

The funky spunky monkey climbed up the coconut tree.
Down came a coconut and bopped him on the knee.
Along came his mama [nanny, daddy] who hugged away the pain.
And the funky spunky monkey climbed up the tree again.

Spots, spots, spots, spots, spots, spots, spots, spots
A leopard has lots of spots What a lot of spots he got. A tiger's stripes are always nice
But a leopard has lots of spots Spots, spots, spots, spots, spots, spots, spots, spots ([Tune](#))

Sung to: "[London Bridge](#)"

We are going to the zoo, To the zoo, to the zoo.
We are going to the zoo, Won't you join us too?

We'll see lions, tigers too, Tigers too, tigers too.
We'll see lions, tigers too, All at the zoo.

We will find some chimpanzees, Chimpanzees, chimpanzees.
we will find some chimpanzees, Swinging from the trees.

We will look for kangaroos, Kangaroos, kangaroos.
We will look for kangaroos, Hopping at the zoo.

Song - Tune: Wheels on the Bus

The lions at the zoo go roar, roar, roar, Roar, roar, roar, Roar, roar, roar,
The lions at the zoo go roar, roar, roar, All day long!
The snakes ... say hiss... hyenas ha ha ha... monkeys oo oo oo... penguins waddle... tigers growl... seals bark... wolves howl... kangaroos hop... birds tweet

Sung to: "[The Mulberry Bush](#)".

Oh, if I were an elephant, An elephant, an elephant. if I were an elephant, I'd stomp around the zoo.
Oh, if I were a tall giraffe... walk [tippy toe with arms reaching up to be the neck of the giraffe] ...
chimpanzee... climb ... kangaroo... hop. ...

March: Transportation

Greeting Song (tune [Buffalo Gal](#))

Well hello everybody can you touch your nose, touch your nose, touch your nose,
Well hello everybody can you touch your nose, Touch. Your. Nose.
[touch your toes, clap your hands, wave your arms, stomp your feet, whatever]

Lap Bounces

Bumping up and down in my little red wagon
Bumping up and down in my little red wagon
Bumping up and down in my little red wagon
Won't you be my darling ([tune](#))

A smooth road A smooth road A smooth road A smooth road
A bumpy road A bumpy road A bumpy road A bumpy road
A rough road A rough road A rough road A rough road A hole! ([video](#))

Zoom down the freeway, zoom down the freeway, zoom down the freeway fast. Up goes the drawbridge, Up goes the drawbridge, the boat is going past. Down goes the drawbridge, down goes the drawbridge. The boat has passed at last. Zoom down the freeway, zoom down the freeway, EXIT!

Songs

The Wheels on the Bus. <https://kcls.org/content/wheels-on-the-bus/>
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.
[wipers swish; doors open and shut; horn beep beep beep; children up and down...]

Down by the Station <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!

Drive the Fire Truck. <https://kcls.org/content/hurry-hurry-drive-the-fire-truck/>
Hurry, hurry! Drive the fire truck! Hurry, hurry! Drive the fire truck!
Hurry, hurry! Drive the fire truck! Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding!

([Tune](#)) I'll take you riding in my car, car; Take you riding in my car, car;
Take you riding in my car, car; I'll take you riding in my car.
[The horn in my car goes beep beep; My car's engine goes vroom vroom; we are driving to preschool]

April: Spring, Garden, Bugs

Lap Bounces

A bouncing we will go, A bouncing we will go, Hi-ho, the derry-o! A bouncing we will go.
A rocking we will go... A hugging we will go ([tune](#): Farmer in the Dell)

Humpty Dumpty up, Humpty Dumpty down.
Humpty Dumpty left, Humpty Dumpty right.
Humpty Dumpty all around. Humpty Dumpty Upside Down.
Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall; Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the Kings' Horses and All the King's Men Couldn't put humpty together again

Rhymes

Here is a green leaf (hold out palm) And here is a green leaf (other palm)
That you see, makes two (show 2 fingers). Here is a bud (cup hands together)
That becomes a flower. Watch it bloom for you (slowly open hands)

During the spring, it often showers (flutter fingers down)
Or the sun shines for many hours (form circle in the air with arms)
Both are good... for the flowers! (cup hands and extend arms like a flower)

Songs

Five little ducks went out one day, over the hills and far away.
Mama Duck said quack, quack, quack, quack. But only four little ducks came back. Etc. ([Tune](#))

[Pretend your finger is a buzzing bee, and it lands somewhere, then sing:]
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, "bee" buzzes away, then lands somewhere new)
repeat with on my nose, on my head, on my ear... (Tune: [Farmer in the Dell](#))

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.
Now there are four green and speckled frogs ([tune](#))

Dig, dig, dig the earth ("dig"). Then you plant your seeds (pretend to plant)
A gentle rain (fingers flutter down), then bright sunshine (arms circle overhead)
Then flowers you will see (open arms wide) ([Tune](#): row your boat)

Books: Very Hungry caterpillar by Carle; in the Tall Tall Grass by Fleming; I Love Bugs by Sturges;
Mouse's 1st Spring by Thompson; When Spring Comes by Henkes.

May: Ocean, Beach

Rhyme

Up to the heavens, down to the sea. How many kisses from you to me? 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Up to the heavens, down to the sea How many fishes are in the sea? 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Songs

The waves on the beach go up and down, up and down, up and down,

The waves on the beach go up and down All day long (raise child up and down)

Optional verses: The clams on the beach go open and shut...

The fish in the sea go swish, swish, swish... (wobble legs side to side so child wobbles side to side)

Dolphins in the sea swim round and round (paint circle in front of you with hand)

The crabs on the beach go snap, snap, snap..

[tune](#): Wheels on the Bus

Old McDonald Sailed the Sea. E-I-E-I-O

And in the sea there lives a whale. E-I-E-I-O

With a spout spout here and a spout spout there.

Here a spout, there a spout, Everywhere a spout, spout.

Old McDonald Sailed the Sea. E-I-E-I-O

...Fish... swish swish; Crab... pinch; Seal... bark; Octopus...wibble wobble; squid... squirt

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,

Bubble – Bubble – Bubble – POP!

All the ducks are paddling ... All the frogs are jumping ... kids are splashing...

There are so many fishies in the deep blue sea.

What color fishy do you see?

Red, red, this one's red. This little fishy is red

(Repeat with other colors) ([tune](#))