



Rhymes And Fingerplays

Five little kittens

Five little kittens standing in a row
(hold up 5 fingers)

They nod their heads to the children so
(bend fingers)

They run to the left, they run to the right
(run fingers to the left and then to the right)

They stand up and stretch in the bright sunlight
(stretch fingers out tall)

Along comes a dog who's in for some fun
(hold up one finger from opposite hand)

MEOW! See those little kittens run , run, run!
(let fingers run)

One Cat

One cat napping in the sun.

Two cats playing pounce and run.

Three cats eating from one dish.

Four cats fishing for a fish.

Five cats prancing on a fence,

Six cats peeking under paper tents.

Seven cats blinking crossed blue eyes,

Eight cats chasing butterflies,

Nine cats cuddled tail to head,

Ten cats bouncing on my bed.

Kitten is Hiding

A Kitten is Hiding under a chair
(hide thumb under other hand)

I looked and looked for her everywhere
(peer around looking)

Under the table and under the bed
(pretend to look)

I looked around the corner, and when I said,
Come here kitty kitty, there's milk for you
(cup hands for a dish and extend)

Kitty came running and calling, mew, mew
(run fingers up arm)

Soft Kitty

Soft kitty, warm kitty

Little ball of fur

Happy kitty, sleepy kitty,

Purr, purr, purr

Little Kittens

Five little kittens

(hand made into a fist)

All black and white

Sleeping very soundly

All through the night.

Meow, meow, meow, meow, meow.

(each finger raised in turn to "Meow")

Things to do together

- Sing the song "Hey Diddle Diddle" together. Or listen and sing to a CD of nursery rhymes. Singing really helps develop phonological awareness which is an early literacy skill children need in order to be ready to read.
- Talk about the sounds that cats and kittens make.
- Cut out lots of pictures of cats from magazines, or the internet. Encourage your child to sort the cats into size, or color, or length of fur etc.
- Make a list together of all the cats that you know and who owns them
- Together, find as many words as you can that rhyme with cat. Write them down, or make a drawing of all the items and label them.
- Together, make up a story about a cat who sneaks out of the house one day.