Rhymes And Fingerplays

With my Little Broom
With my little broom
I sweep, sweep, sweep
   (mime sweeping)
On my little feet
I creep, creep, creep
   (creep in place)
With my little eyes
I peep, peep, peep
   (look from left to right)
On my little bed
I sleep, sleep, sleep
   (pretend to sleep)

Clean-up Song
(Improvise a tune)
Clean-up, clean-up
Everybody get some toys.
   Clean-up, clean-up
All the little girls and boys.
   Clean-up, clean-up
Everybody do your share.
   Clean-up, clean-up
Everybody, everywhere.

Cleaning My Room
I picked up my toys
   (pretend to pick up)
And dusted my room
   (pretend to dust)
I swept the floor
   (pretend to hold broom, make back & forth motions)
I shined my mirror
   (make circular motion with open palm)
And made my bed.
   (pretend to pull up blanket)
"You did great!"
   (hug self)
My mother said.

Let's clean up today
Let's clean up today
We've had our fun
   Our day is done.
So, let's clean up today.

Are you helping,
Are you helping
Pick up toys?
Let us all be helpers.
Girls and boys,

Things to do together

- Make up a silly song as you clean up a room (or the whole house!)
- Go through a magazine and cut out photographs of items that are used for cleaning. Paste these onto paper and label them.
- When tidying up a room, call out colors and have your child put away items that are that color. Sorting is a pre-reading skill—realizing how things are alike and different.
- Make a checklist of cleaning chores. As you accomplish them, have your child cross them off the list.
- See how many words you can think of that rhyme with “mop”.

Other Resources
Fussbusters on the Go: Strategies and Games for Stress-free Outings, Errands, and Vacations with Your Preschooler
by Carol Baicker-McKee