Singing Songs

Singing with your baby is a wonderful way to introduce the sounds in language. Singing captures baby’s attention, creates a bond between you and your baby, and builds and strengthens connections in your baby’s brain.

• You can sing anywhere! Try singing in the car, waiting in line, during bath time, and when changing diapers.

• Vary your voice - sing slow, fast, loudly, softly, high and low. If you don’t know the words or tune of a song, use online videos to learn more - or make up words as you go! Nancy Stewart’s website (nancymusic.com) offers an extensive library of singable songs for children, including music and lyrics. Your library branch has story times that often feature music and singing. Browse our many Children’s CDs to find favorites from Raffi, Laurie Berker, José-Luis Orosco, and Putumayo Kids.

Ideas & Tips

More Books

• Hip Hop Dog by Chris Raschka
• Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Jane Cabrera
• The Seals on the Bus by Lenny Hort
• There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Simms Taback
• What a Wonderful World by Bob Thiele

Rhyming Fun

Down by the Bay

Down by the bay,
Where the watermelon grows,
Back to my home,
I dare not go,
For if I do,
My mother will say,
“Did you ever see a goose, kissing a moose?”
Down by the bay!

Add in your own rhymes: “Did you ever see a snake, eating a cake?” “Did you ever see a mouse, big as a house?” End with: “Did you ever have a time, when you couldn’t make a rhyme?” For more lyrics, check out Raffi’s version on the CD “Singable Songs for the Very Young.”

Find more info, book suggestions and other activity sheets at babybooks.pcls.us

Check out a ready-to-go bag filled with five board books and a colorful activity sheet

Keep this sheet.
Collect them all!