



A child-approved activity

Having Fun with Nursery Rhymes

jumpstart



Share Hickory Dickory Dock (or choose a family favorite)!

Materials:

Read through this list with your child before starting!



paper



markers or crayons



a rhyme chart that you can create by writing the words of the nursery rhyme on a piece of paper/ cardboard

*Hickory, dickory, dock
The mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck one,
The mouse did run,
Hickory, dickory, dock*

Beginning

Put up a rhyme chart so that the children can see it. Tell the children that you are going to have some fun by sharing nursery rhymes together. Ask them if they know what rhyming means, and explain that rhyming words sound the same.

Middle

Say the nursery rhyme and explain which words rhyme. Ask the child to say the rhyme with you. This time pat the beat of the words on your knees. When you say the rhyming words - dock/clock, run/one - say them in a louder voice.

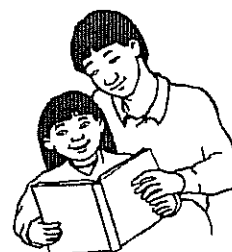
End

After saying the rhyme a couple of times, stop at a rhyming word and see if the child can say it.

Connecting to School Success

This activity helps prepare your children for school by building the important skill of... *understanding sounds in words and recognizing and making rhymes.*

Children have fun with words through rhymes and strengthen their skill of rhyme recognition. This activity helps children connect sounds in words and the rhythm of reading. Patting the beat on your knee helps children become aware of the rhythm and sound of words.



A Related Book
A Child's Treasury of Nursery Rhymes
by Kady MacDonald Denton

Bringing it Home

Help children become aware of sounds in words.

Preschool-aged children begin to learn about certain sounds in words and are especially interested in rhyming words. Children enjoy playing with words that end with the same sounds, like sat and pat, and words that begin with the same sounds, like big, ball, and bat.

Sharing childhood rhymes can be a wonderful activity for all family members and can help children learn who different family members are. Think back to some of your favorite nursery rhymes and share them!