

Nursery Rhymes

The two best predictors of early reading success are alphabet recognition and phonemic awareness.

— Marilyn Jager

Phonemic awareness is the foundation upon which phonics is built. Whereas phonics is associated with printed words, phonemic awareness is the recognition of the distinct sounds of spoken words. The recitation of nursery rhymes provides an important vehicle to expose the youngest of children to alliteration and assonance, rhythm and rhyme.

Children love repetition! Unlike adults, they aren't bored by hearing a story or poem repeated more than once. To prepare your students for their visit with Mother Goose, you may wish to review some of their favorite nursery rhymes, such as:

Humpty-Dumpty
Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater
Little Miss Muffet
Little Boy Blue
Hey, Diddle, Diddle
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
Little Bo Peep
Baa-Baa Black Sheep
Rub-a-Dub-Dub, Three Men in a Tub
Jack Be Nimble
The Three Little Kittens
Jack and Jill
Pat-a-Cake
Little Jack Horner
The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe
This Little Piggy
There Was a Crooked Man
Wee Willie Winkie
Pease Porridge

Mother Goose will recite many of the above rhymes, plus other traditional rhymes that may not be as familiar to your children. All rhymes are presented visually and grouped thematically. Kindergartners hear a rhyme for every letter of the alphabet, while younger children learn color and number rhymes. Every group participates in story and action rhymes, and Mother Goose always brings along her stuffed goose for the children to pet!

If you'd like Mother Goose to visit your school, please contact: Carol Spacht 610-275-7170.