

Greeting Songs

Roll the Ball: I roll the ball to _____. S/he rolls it back to me!

The More We Get Together: The more we get together, together, together, the more we get together, the happier we'll be. With ____ and ____ and ____ and _____. The more we get together the happier we'll be. Etc...

[Name] is here today. (Sung to Farmer in the Dell)

x is here today. _y_ is here today. Let's all clap our hands. _z_ is here today."

We're glad you're here today. (Sung to Frere Jacques) Hello, (child's Name) Hello, (child's name). How are you? How are you? We're so glad to have you, We're so glad to have you. Here at school, here at school

Red shoes: Mary wore her red shoes, her red shoes, her red shoes. Mary wore her red shoes to toddler class today. [Repeat with different names and clothing items.]

If you're wearing...

If you're wearing red today, red today, red today, If you're wearing red today, stand up and shout hooray!

Lap Songs

Trot to Boston. (bounce child on lap... fall over, fall in, and give them a hug at the end)

Trot Trot to Boston, Trot Trot to Dover, Watch out Baby or You Might Fall Over.

Trot Trot to Boston, Trot Trot to Lynn, Trot to the Charles River, but don't Fall In.

Trot Trot to Boston, Trot Trot to Maine, Oh no baby, come home again.

Pony Ride

Riding on a pony downtown, (bounce child up and down your legs)

Better watch out or you might fall DOWN! (child falls between your legs)

Elevator

Let's go riding on an elevator, Let's go riding on an elevator,

1st floor, 2nd floor, 3rd floor, 4th floor, 5th floor, (raise legs a little bit each time)

Down, down, down, down, down! (lower child down)

Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty up, Humpty Dumpty down.

Humpty Dumpty left, Humpty Dumpty right.

Humpty Dumpty all around. Humpty Dumpty Upside Down.

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall;

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. (HD falls over moaning all the way)

Poor Humpty Dumpty!

Row your Boat (hold child facing you, holding hands, and row back and forth)

Row row row your boat, gently down the stream. Merrily merrily merrily merrily, life is but a dream.

Popcorn (Also can be used as a parachute song)

Popcorn, popcorn in a pan, Shake'em up, shake'em up, Bam, bam, bam

Zoom down the freeway

Zoom down the freeway, Zoom down the freeway, Zoom down the freeway, Fast!

Up goes the drawbridge, Up goes the drawbridge, The boat is going past.

Down goes the drawbridge, Down goes the drawbridge. The boat has passed at last.

Zoom down the freeway, Zoom down the freeway, Zoom down the freeway, EXIT!

The Noble Duke of York (or Grand Old Duke...)

(Child sits on parent's knees, move knees up and down, left and right with soldiers)

The noble Duke of York, He had ten thousand men,
He marched them up to the top of the hill And he marched them down again
And when you're up, you're up, And when you're down, you're down
And when you're only halfway up, You're neither up nor down!

He marched them to the left, He marched them to the right
He even marched them upside down, Now wasn't that a sight!

Bumping Up and Down

(Tune of 10 Little Indians. Bounce babies on knees. When wheel's off, bounce to the side. Hammer with their hands.)

Bumping up and down in my little red wagon (3x) Won't you be my darlin'?

One wheel's off and the axle's broken ...

(Mommy)'s gonna fix it with a hammer ...

Uncle John

Father and Mother and Uncle John, Went to market one by one,
Mother fell off! Father fell off! But Uncle John went on and on and on!

Drive the Fire Truck. [http://wiki.kcls.org/index.php/Hurry, Hurry Drive the Fire Truck](http://wiki.kcls.org/index.php/Hurry,_Hurry_Drive_the_Fire_Truck)

Hurry, hurry! Drive the fire truck! Hurry, hurry! Drive the fire truck!

Hurry, hurry! Drive the fire truck! Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding!

Motorboat

Motorboat, Motorboat go so slow. Motorboat, Motorboat go so fast.

Motorboat, Motorboat step on the gas. Motorboat, Motorboat run out of gas.

Finger Songs and Rhymes

Round & Round the Garden

(Walk your fingers in circle around baby's belly button or child's hand. Step to chin or armpit, tickle)

Round and round the garden Walks the teddy bear

With a one step and a two step and a tickle you under there!

Round & Round the Garden - Bunny

Round and round the garden hops the little bunny

One hop, two hop and a tickle you on the tummy!

Where is Thumbkin?

(Tune of Frere Jacques. The fingers on your hands "talk" to each other, one at a time. On "run and hide" put hands behind your back. We only do two verses with toddlers.)

Where is Thumbkin, where is Thumbkin? Here I am! Here I am!

How are you today, sir? Very well I thank you.

Run away. Run away.

(Where is pointer? Where is tall man? Where is ring man? Where is pinky?)

This Little Piggy

This little piggy went to market, This little piggy stayed at home,

This little piggy ate roast beef, This little piggy had none.

And this little piggy went... "Wee wee wee wee wee" All the way home...

Snail and Mouse

Slowly, slowly, very slowly, Creeps the little snail. Slowly, slowly, very slowly, Up the wooden rail. Quickly, quickly, very quickly, Runs the little mouse. Quickly, quickly, very quickly, All around the house.

Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain,
and the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again.

Open Shut Them

Open shut them, open shut them, Give a little clap.
Open shut them, open shut them Lay them in your lap.
Creep them crawl them, creep them crawl them Right up to your chin
Open up your little mouth, But do not let them in! (Quickly cover mouth with hands.)

Up the mountain. (good in the winter)

Up the mountain (run your fingers up one of their arms)

Down the other side (then run fingers down their other arm)

Brr it's cold out... (hug them tight)

Let's climb inside! (tickle their neck as you reach your fingers under their collar)

The Beehive (good in the spring)

(Use your fist as the beehive, and then put up fingers when you're counting bees. Tickle on the buzz.)

Here is a beehive. But, where are the bees?

Hidden away, where nobody sees.

Watch and you'll see them come out of the hive...

1,2,3,4,5 -- buzzzzzz!

Five Little Monkeys

(Your fingers are monkeys. Jump hand up and down, fall to side and hit head, dialing phone, doctor wagging finger side to side)

Five little monkeys, jumpin' on the bed. One fell off and bumped his head.

Mama called the doctor. And the doctor said No more monkeys jumpin' on the bed!

(Repeat four, three, two, one)

Five Little Ducks Went Out One Day <http://tmas.kcls.org/five-little-ducks-went-out-one-day/>

Five Little Ducks went out one day, over the hills and far away.

Mother Duck said, "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack,"

but only four little ducks came back.

Four little ducks went out one day... ..but only three little ducks came back.

(Repeat counting down to "but no little ducks came back.")

Sad mother duck went out one day, over the hills and far away

Mother Duck said, "Quack, Quack, Quack, Quack," and five little ducks came running back.

Wiggle Your Fingers

Wiggle your fingers, wiggle them so

Wiggle them high, wiggle them low

Wiggle them left, wiggle them right

Wiggle them, wiggle them out of sight

Criss Cross

Criss, cross (*draw an X on baby's back*)

Applesauce (*pat baby's shoulders in rhythm to the beat.*)

Spiders crawling up your back (*walk fingers in a tickly fashion up your baby's back*)

Tight squeeze (*give a hug*)

Cool breeze. (*blow gently on baby's neck*)

And now you've got the shivers! (*tickle baby all over*)

Apple Tree (tune at www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKmFHRrkFuQ)

Way up high in the apple tree. Five little apples smiled down at me.

I shook that tree just as hard as I could. Down came the apples, and mmm they were good.

Jack in the Box

Jack in the Box, you sit so still. Won't you come out? Yes I will!! (kids curl up in a ball, then pop up)

Songs for Babies

Two Little Eyes (Tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Two little eyes to look around, Two little ears to hear each sound.

One little nose to smell what's sweet, One little mouth that likes to eat.

Eyes, ears, nose and mouth. Eyes, ears, nose and mouth.

Where Oh Where? (Tune of 10 Little Indians. On "round and round" circle baby's belly button)

Where oh where are (baby's) fingers? Where oh where are _____ toes?

Where is _____ belly button? Round and round it goes!

Where oh where are _____ ears? Where oh where is _____ nose?

Where is _____ belly button? Round and round it goes!

Instruments: Shakers, Rhythm Sticks, and more

Shakers: Shake and Stop

Oh you shake and you shake and you shake and you stop. (repeat 3x) Shake 'em up high, shake 'em down low, shake them on your tummy, and way down to your toes.

Shakers: Shake your shaker (tune: London Bridge)

Shake your shaker near and far, near and far, near and far

Shake your shaker near and far, shake your shaker.

(Shake your shaker high and low... fast and slow... front and back... soft and loud...)

Shakers: Tootsie Roll

Shake em high, tootsie tootsie, tootsie roll

Shake em low tootsie tootsie, tootsie roll

All around tootsie tootsie, tootsie roll

On the ground tootsie tootsie, tootsie roll

to the side tootsie tootsie, tootsie roll

other side tootsie tootsie, tootsie roll

Real small tootsie tootsie, tootsie roll (said softly)

That's all tootsie tootsie, tootsie roll (said softly and slowly)

Jingle Bells – in December only

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way. Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh. Hey. Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way. Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh.

Tap our sticks today (Tune London Bridge. Start tapping rhythm sticks together)

Let's all tap our sticks today, sticks today, sticks today.

Let's all tap our sticks today, tap them on your knees.

(keep tapping knees, till last line is tap them on your shoulders, then on the floor, etc.)

Tap your sticks in the air (tune If You're happy and you know it)

Tap your sticks in the air, in the air. Tap your sticks in the air, in the air.

Tap your sticks in the air, do it with some flair. Tap your sticks in the air, in the air.

(Tap your sticks on the floor... then do it some more.)

This is the way

this is the way we tap our sticks, tap our sticks, tap our sticks.

This is the way we tap our sticks so early in the morning.

(This the way we hammer... the way we drum with... rub our sticks, etc.)

Accompanying a CD. Put on a CD or stream any song with a fun rhythm and have kids shake or tap along.

When you're done with props, sing one of these songs every time

Shakers go in the basket. Shakers go in the basket. In the basket. In the basket.

Shakers go in the basket. Shakers go in the basket. Bye bye shakers. Bye Bye shakers. OR

It's time to put the shakers away, shakers away, shakers away. It's time to put the shakers away, and save them for another day.

Props: Scarves, Bubbles, and theme related props

Scarves: Peekaboo Scarves (tune: Frere Jacques / Where is Thumbkin)

Are you hiding, are you hiding, yes I am, yes I am.

It's time for you to come out. (2x) Peek a boo! Peek a boo!

OR

Someone's hiding, someone's hiding. Who could it be? Who could it be?

Now it's time to come out. (2x) Peek a boo! Peek a boo!

Jack in the Box (hide the scarf in your hand, then let it pop out)

Jack in the Box, so quiet and still, won't you come out? Yes I will!

Wave our Scarves Together (Tune Jolly good fellow)

We wave our scarves together, we wave our scarves together,

We wave our scarves together, because it's fun to do.

(shake, throw, hide)

Scarves Going Up

Scarves going up. Scarves going down.

Scarves are dancing all around town!

Dance them on your shoulder.

Dance them on your head.

Dance them on your toes.

And, tuck them into bed.

10 Little Bubbles (while blowing bubbles)

1 little, 2 little, 3 little bubbles. 4 little, 5 little, 6 little bubbles.

7 little, 8 little, 9 little bubbles. 10 little bubbles go pop, pop, pop!
Pop pop pop pop those bubbles. (x3) Popping all the day.

Bubbles in the Air

There are bubbles in the air, in the air. (2x)
There are bubbles in the air, there are bubbles everywhere.
There are bubbles in the air, in the air.
(There are bubbles way up high... in the sky. ...way down low... on your toes.)

Farm

Old McDonald. (give children toy animals... for each verse, ask a child: "what animal do you have? What sound does it make" then sing that verse)

Old McDonald had a farm. E I E I O And on that farm there was a cow. E I E I O
With a moo moo here and a moo moo there. Here a moo, there a moo, everywhere a moo moo.
Old McDonald had a farm. E I E I O

Active Songs (include parachute options)

Head Shoulders Knees and Toes (2X first slow, then fast)

Head, shoulders, knees and toes -- knees and toes
Head, shoulders, knees and toes -- knees and toes
Eyes and ears and mouth and nose
Head, shoulders, knees and toes -- knees and toes.

Hokey Pokey

(Parents stand, holding babies in a circle. Do motions with babies' bodies.)
You put your arm in, You put your arm out, You put your arm in And you shake it all about
You do the hokey pokey As you turn yourself around That's what it's all about!
(Leg, head, whole self)

Ring Around the Rosie

Ring around the rosie, A pocket full of posies, Ashes, ashes, We all fall down!
The cows are in the meadow, Eating buttercups. Thunder! Lightning! We all jump up!

Walk Bear

Take a little walk Bear, walk bear, walk bear, take a little walk bear, walk bear, STOP.
(wiggle, jump, dance, run, hug)

All the Fish

All the fish are swimming in the water, Swimming in the water, Swimming in the water
All the fish are swimming in the water (swimming motions with arms)
Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble...SPLASH! (make hands larger and larger and big clap to SPLASH)
All the ducks are paddling in the water... frogs jumping... kids splashing

Walking (tune [here](#))

Walking, Walking, (x2)
Wiggle, wiggle, wiggle, (x2)
Running, running, running,(x2)
Now we stop! (x2)

Round the Circle (can do just as a movement song, or with the parachute)

Go round and round the circle, go round and round the circle, go round and round the circle, as we have done before.
(In and out the circle, up and down)

Mulberry Bush with Parachute – standing and waving it, or with kids sitting on it

All around the mulberry bush (walk around a circle), the monkey chased the weasel (rattle parachute).

The monkey thought it was all in fun (lower the parachute to the ground). Pop goes the weasel (pop it)

Other parachute options: Put on a recording (CD or streaming) of any music you like, and wave the parachute up and down to it. Sing and move the parachute to:

- Lap Songs: Grand Old Duke of York, Elevator, and Popcorn all work well
- Ring Around the Rosie (can have kids sit)
- London Bridges

Goodbye Song

Twinkle Twinkle

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are.

Up above the world so high, Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, How I wonder what you are.

Teddy Bear

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, touch the ground.

Teddy bear, teddy bear, peekaboo,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, I love you.

Teddy bear, teddy bear, reach up high,

Teddy bear, teddy bear, wave bye-bye.

Preschool is Over

Preschool is over, it's time to say goodbye.

We take our little hands and we wave bye-bye.

Optional... it can be nice to do a special goodbye ritual to each child. Some teachers use a rubber stamp to give every child a stamp on their hand. Some have a puppet that goes around and gives everyone a kiss goodbye.