



Music, Literacy, and Little People, oh My!

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"Some people think music education is a privilege, but I think it is essential to being human." Jewel

This workshop is based on the premise that music is one of the best tools you can use to enhance literacy development. One of my missions is to bring music and happiness into the lives of children and families (while sneaking in some learning)

We will be doing LOTS of singing in this workshop. That's the way I roll. This handout has a list of some of the songs and books that I would like to cover and how they might be helpful to you in a library setting. Please feel free to call or write me if we don't have time to get to something that you have need of. I would be happy to sing to you over the phone . No charge. Also, visit my website at www.tunesntales.com for more songs, handouts, and ideas.

Nursery Rhymes

- Peas Porridge Hot
- London Bridge
- Skip to My Lou
- Jack and Jill
- Humpty Dumpty
- Itsy Bitsy Spider
- One Two Buckle My Shoe
- Frere Jacques
- Ten in the Bed
- 1,2,3,4,5, I Caught a Fish Alive
- 2 Little Dickey Birds

These ditties (and so many more) are good to start the story hour. Mother Goose is not covered on standardized testing in the public school... so often it isn't included in the curriculum. Adding these along with other simple rhyming songs in your regular routine is a great way to combine foundational rhyming skills of reading and music. Children learn to identify rhyming sounds, which is a key component in literacy.

Songs that Are Books

- What a Wonderful World
- You Are My Sunshine
- Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly
- 5 Monkeys Sitting in the Tree
- 5 Green Speckled Frogs
- 5 Monkeys Jumping on the Bed
- We All Go Traveling By
- May There Always Be Sunshine
- This Little Light Of Mine
- Down by the Bay
- Tingalayo and the list is pretty endless

Music/Literacy/Book Connection

- The Wolf's Chicken Stew
- Mama Don't Allow
- Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly/ The Old Lady Who Lived in A Vinegar Bottle
- Max Found Two Sticks
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
- Down on the Farm

Making a Story into an Interactive Musical

- Three Singing Pigs by Kaye Umarsky (out of print?)
- The Giant Turnip
- The Frog Prince
- The Paper bag Princess by Robert Munsch

Note: I turn stories into "slight" musical productions just by adding a tuneful refrain at times during the story, particularly if there is a repetitive refrain. Example: Jack and the Beanstalk has a mother who worries every time he climbs up the stalk and sings a little tune, "oh my, oh my... he'll climb too high and get in trouble in the sky!"

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