Singing, talking, and making different sounds are pre-reading skills. Children who engage in these activities are developing phonological awareness, the ability to hear the smaller sounds in words. The songs and books found in this storytime specifically focus on rhyming. Have fun while saying these rhymes!

**EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS**

- Hickory Dickory Dock by Kim Mitzo Thompson
- Songs Of Dr. Seuss! And More! by Tune Times

**PRINT BOOKS FOUND AT THE LIBRARY**

- There’s A Pest In The Garden! by Jan Thomas
- What Is Chasing Duck? by Jan Thomas
- Silly Sally by Audrey Wood
- Rhyming Dust Bunnies by Jan Thomas
- Hickory Dickory Dock by Keith Baker

**SONGS & RHYMES**

- ABCs/ The Alphabet Song
- Down by the Bay
- Sleeping Bunnies
- Two Little Blackbirds
- Open Shut Them
- Jack in the Box
- Hickory Dickory Dock
- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- Old Mother Goose
- Jack & Jill
- Humpty Dumpty

**ACTIVITIES & GAMES**

- Dress up and act out your favorite nursery rhyme
- Add verses to “Down by the Bay” song by making your own funny rhymes

**SONGS & RHYMES LYRICS**

**Hickory Dickory Dock**

Hickory dickory dock,  
The mouse went up the clock,  
The clock struck one,  
The mouse went down,  
Hickory dickory dock.

**Old Mother Goose**

Old Mother Goose,  
When she wanted to wander,  
Would ride through the air  
On her very fine gander.
### Open Shut Them

- **[start with your hands closed in fists]**
- **Open, Shut Them**
- **[open hands & then shut them into fists again]**
- **Open, Shut Them**
- **[open hands & then shut them into fists again]**
- **Give a little clap, clap, clap [clap hands]**
- **Open, Shut Them**
- **[open hands & then shut them into fists again]**
- **Open, Shut Them**
- **[open hands & then shut them into fists again]**
- **Put them in your lap, lap, lap**
- **Creep Them, Crawl Them, Creep Them, Crawl Them**
- **Right up to your chin, chin, chin**
- **[trail your fingers up to your chin]**
- **Open wide your little mouth**
- **[lay them in your lap]**
- **Put them in your lap, lap, lap**
- **Creep Them, Crawl Them, Creep Them, Crawl Them**
- **Right up to your chin, chin, chin**
- **[trail your fingers up to your chin]**
- **Open wide your little mouth**
- **[hide your hands behind your back]**
- **Along comes a dog, looking for some fun**
- **[fingers of one hand resting on thumb, move hand towards other hand]**

### Two Little Blackbirds

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill
- **[start with your two pointer fingers out in front]**

One named Jack, the other named Jill.
- **[lift each finger as you say the birds names]**

Fly away Jack.
- **[have one finger “fly” behind your back]**

Fly away Jill.
- **[have the other finger “fly” behind your back so that both are now hidden behind your back]**

Come back Jack.
- **[have one finger “fly” back to your front]**

Come back Jill.
- **[have the other finger “fly” back to your front so both are now back in front of you]**

### Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

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.**

### Jack & Jill

Jack and Jill went up the hill,
- **To fetch a pail of water.**
Jack fell down and broke his crown,
- **And Jill came tumbling after.**

### Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
- **Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;**
All the king’s horses and all the king’s men
- **Couldn’t put Humpty together again.**

### Jack in the Box

Jack in the box.
- **Sits so still.**
Will he come out?
- **Yes, he will!**
SAMPLE STORYTIME

This is a sample of how you could organize the books, songs, & rhymes, but please do what feels right for you and your little one!

Starting Song: [Sing to the tune of “Farmer in the Dell”] We clap and sing hello (2x), with our friends at Storytime, we clap and sing hello! [Wave and sing hello; stomp and sing hello.]

Book One: Silly Sally by Audrey Wood

Rhyme/Song: Two Little Blackbirds

Rhyme/Song: ABCs/ The Alphabet Song

Book Two: Hickory Dickory Dock by Keith Baker

Rhyme/Song: Open Shut Them

Rhyme/Song: Down by the Bay

Book Three: Rhyming Dust Bunnies by Jan Thomas

Final Rhyme/Song: Sleeping Bunnies

After Storytime Activity/Game: Nursery Rhyme Cube

Instructions:
1. Assemble the paper cube or use a tissue box cube.
2. On each side, write the name of a nursery rhyme or draw a symbol. Color and decorate if you wish!
3. Roll the cube. Act out or say the nursery rhyme!
4. Six nursery rhymes& suggested symbols: Hickory Dickory Dock [mouse], Twinkle Twinkle Little Star [star], Old Mother Goose [bird], Jack & Jill [2 children], Humpty Dumpty [egg], Jack in the Box [box with streamers]
Nursery Rhyme Cube Template