



Wiggles, Tickles and Rhymes



Pierce County Library System

More Than Fun

You are your child's first teacher!

Help your child prepare for learning and reading success at school by:

Talking

Children learn about language by listening to others talk and joining in the conversation.

Singing

Songs and rhymes are a natural way to learn about language.

Reading

Reading together with your child is the single most important way to help them get ready to read.

Writing

Includes scribbling, drawing and coloring!

Playing

Play is one of the best ways for children to build relationships and learn about the world.

**So talk, sing, read, write
and play every day!**



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A Fingerplay & Lap Game Booklet

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Rhymes and poems, bounces, tickles, fingerplays and movement games are a great way to start helping your child be ready to read. Besides being fun, they also enrich your child's early learning experiences by developing:

- Memory skills
- Vocabulary
- Math and science learning
- Spatial awareness
- Motor coordination
- Imagination
- Sense of humor
- Ability to relax

**Grow a
reader!**



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Grand Old Duke of York

O, the Grand Old 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!

Here's a Ball for Baby

Here's a ball for baby,
Big and soft and round.
Here is baby's hammer,
(Pound one fist on the other)

See how he can pound.

(Hold up two hands touching fingertips to form ball)

Here's is baby's trumpet,
Tootle, tootle, too
(Form trumpet with hand)

Here is baby's favorite game
(Cover your eyes with hands open)

It's called Peek-a-boo
(Open hands)

Skinamarink

Skinamarink a dink a dink

Skinamarink a doo

I love you!

Skinamarink a dink a dink

Skinamarink a doo

I love you!

I love you in the morning,

And in the afternoon.

I love you in the evening,

And underneath the moon. Oh,

Skinamarink a dink a dink

Skinamarink a doo

I love you!



This is Big

This is big, big, big

This is small, small, small

This is short, short, short

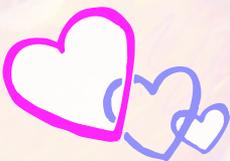
This is tall, tall, tall

This is yes, yes, yes

This is no, no, no

This is fast, fast, fast

This is slow, slow, slow



Math & Counting

One, Two, Three

One, two, three,
Tickle your knee.

Four, five, six,
Pick up sticks.

(Tickle child's tummy)

Seven, eight, nine,
You're all mine!

(Hug child)



Two Little Blackbirds

Two little blackbirds

Sitting on a hill,

(Crook index fingers)

One named Jack and

One named Jill,

Fly away Jack,

(Put one finger behind your back)

Fly away Jill,

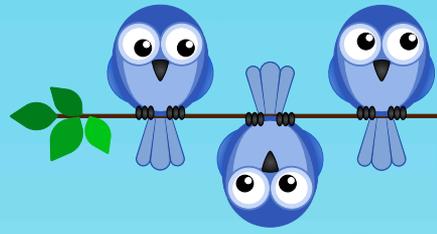
(Put the other finger behind your back)

Come back, Jack!

(Bring the first finger back out)

Come back, Jill!

(Bring the second finger back out)



Baby Put Your Pants On

(To the tune of Mama's Little
Baby Loves Shortnin' Bread)

Baby put your pants on,
Pants on, pants on,
Baby put your pants on,
1, 2, 3.

Baby put your shirt on...
Baby put your socks on...
Baby put your shoes on...
Baby put your hat on...



Now that you're all dressed,
All dressed, all dressed,
Now that you're all dressed,
Let's go play!

Baby take your hat off,
Hat off, hat off,
Baby take your hat off, 1, 2, 3.
(Repeat with shoes, socks, shirt, pants...)

Now that you're all naked,
All naked, all naked,
Now that you're all naked,
Let's take a bath!





I Blew One Big Bubble

I blew one big bubble,
I blew one big bubble,
I blew one big bubble,

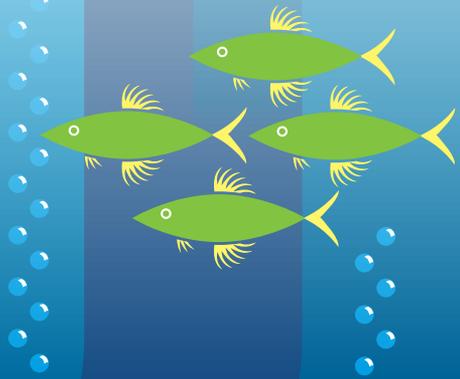
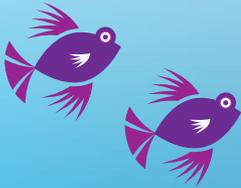
I hope that it won't pop...pop...pop

(clap once after your sing each "pop")

I hope that it won't pop!

(Repeat with two big bubbles,
clapping twice after each "pop")

(Then three big bubbles, etc.)



One, Two, Three, Four, Five

One, two, three, four, five,
I caught a fish alive.

Six, seven, eight, nine, ten.
Then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go?

Because it bit my finger so.

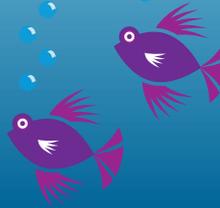
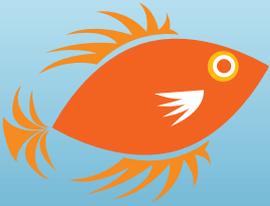
Which little finger did it bite?

This little finger on the right.

When I was One, I'd Just Begun

When I was one, I'd just begun
On the day I went to sea,
I jumped aboard a pirate ship
And the captain said to me—
“We’re going this way, that way,
Forwards and backwards,
Over the deep blue sea.
Something yum to fill my tum
And that’s the life for me.”

(Repeat with: When I was two, I lost my shoe...
When I was three, I climbed a tree...
When I was four, I knocked at the door...
When I was five, I learned to dive...)



Tick Tock

Tick tock, tick tock, I'm a little cuckoo clock.

(Hold baby under his/her arms and swing gently back and forth in front of you)

Tick tock, tick tock, now it's almost one o'clock.

Cuckoo!

(Swoop baby up in front of you as the cuckoo chimes)

Tick tock, tick tock, I'm a little cuckoo clock.

Tick tock, tick tock, now it's almost two o'clock.

Cuckoo! Cuckoo!

(This time, lift baby up gently twice)

(Repeat at least once more lifting baby three times this time.)

(A great rhyme to pair with the nursery rhyme “Hickory Dickory Dock.”)

(Toddlers and preschoolers can act this rhyme out standing up as well and jumping up on “cuckoo”)

Two Little Hands, Ten Little Fingers

(Sing to the tune of "Bumpin' Downtown
in my Little Red Wagon")

Two little hands, ten little fingers,

(Hold up two fists, then open hands)

Two little hands, ten little fingers,

Two little hands, ten little fingers,

Count them all with me...

1, 2, 3 little fingers,

4, 5, 6 little fingers,

7, 8, 9 little fingers,

And one more makes 10.



Dos Manitas, Diez Deditos

Dos manitas, diez deditos,

Dos manitas, diez deditos,

Dos manitas, diez deditos,

Cuéntalos conmigo...

Uno, dos, tres deditos,

Cuatro, cinco, seis deditos,

Siete, ocho, nueve deditos,

Y uno más son diez.





Shake 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Shake 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Tap 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Stomp 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Clap 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Nod 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Blink 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Wiggle 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

March 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

(Add more movements if you like)

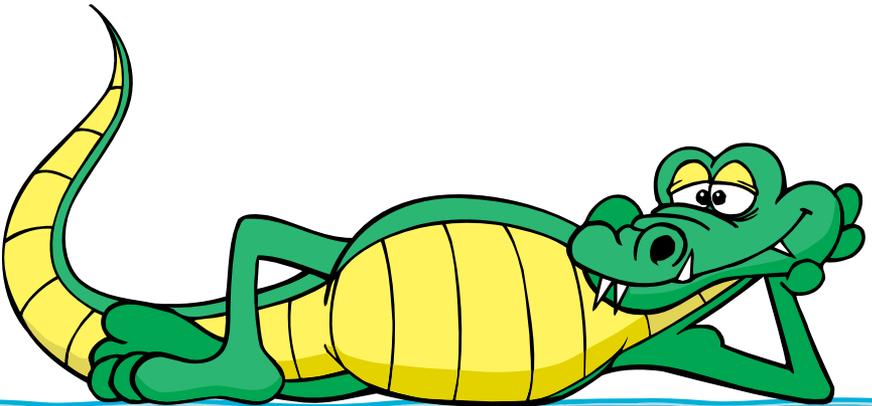
Animals

Mr. Alligator

(To the tune of "Frère Jacques")

Mr. Alligator, Mr. Alligator
Don't you bite! Don't you bite!
I can run away from you
I can run away from you
Out of sight - boo!
Out of sight - boo!

(Repeat with Mr. Growly Bear, Mr. Tiger, etc.)



Here's Mr. Bullfrog

Here's Mr. Bullfrog

Sitting on a rock

Into the water he jumps

Ker-Plop!





Here is the Beehive



Here is the beehive,
(Hold up closed fist)
But where are the bees?
They're hiding inside,
Where nobody sees.



Watch them come out of the hive.

1-2-3-4-5

(Slowly unfold fingers)

Bzzzzz!

(Fly fingers around or tickle child)



Bears Eat Honey

A bear eats honey
He thinks it's yummy
In his tummy
But the bees don't
think it's funny!
Bzzzzzzzzzzzz!





Hurry Scurry Little Mouse



Hurry scurry little mouse,
Starts at your toes.

Hurry scurry little mouse,
Past your knees he goes.

Hurry scurry little mouse,
Past where your tummy is.

Hurry scurry little mouse,
Gives you a mousy kiss.

Pony Boy

Pony boy, pony boy
Won't you be my pony boy?

Here we go,

Don't go slow,

Giddy-up, giddy-up, giddy-up

Whoa!

(Repeat with pony girl)



This is the Way the Baby Rides

(To the tune of "This is the Way We Wash Our Clothes")

**This is the way the baby rides
The baby rides, the baby rides
This is the way the baby rides
So early in the morning.**

(Bounce baby gently on lap)

**This is the way the farmer rides
The farmer rides, the farmer rides
This is the way the farmer rides
So early in the morning.**

(Bounce baby a little more vigorously on lap)

**This is the way the jockey rides
The jockey rides, the jockey rides
This is the way the jockey rides
So early in the morning.**

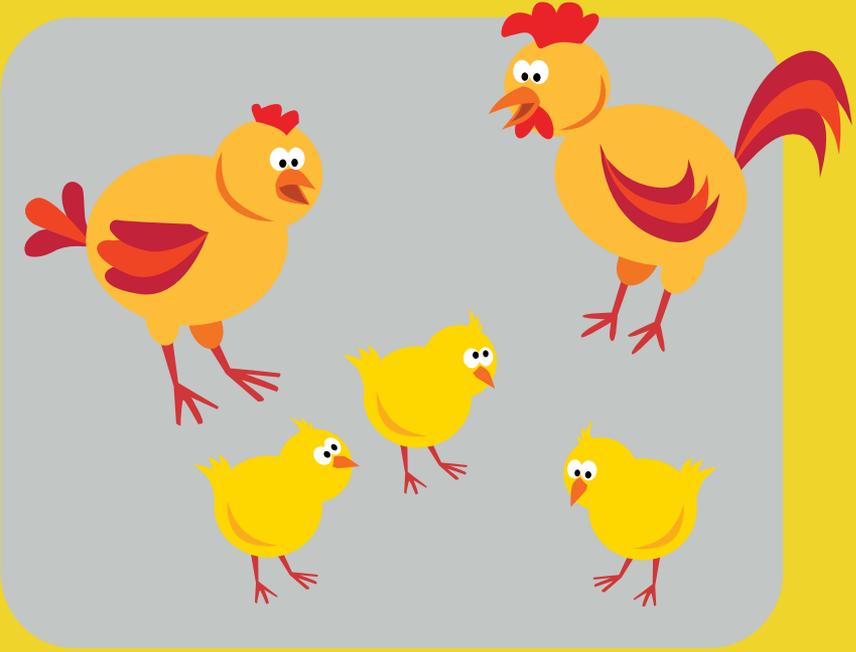
(Bounce baby fast on lap)

When Ducks Get Up in the Morning

**When ducks get up in the morning,
They always say "good day"
When ducks get up in the morning,
They always say "good day"
They say, "quack, quack, quack, quack"
That is what they say**

(Repeat with more barn yard animals)





Chicken in the Barnyard

Chicken in the barnyard
Staying out of trouble.

(Draw a little circle in child's palm)

Along came a turkey

(Slowly creep fingers up child's arm)

And... "Gobble, gobble, gobble!"

(Tickle child's underarm, or move in for a gobble on her neck)

Warm Kitty, Soft Kitty

(In this rhyme, have the child pretend that this is their first kitty or puppy and pet it gently. This is a great way to teach gentle touch for household pets.)



Warm kitty, soft kitty,
Little ball of fur
Pretty kitty, sleepy kitty.
Purr, purr, purr.

Warm puppy, soft puppy,
Little ball of fluff
Happy puppy, sleepy puppy.
Ruff, ruff, ruff

The 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.

(Repeat with: The great big, giant spider went up the water spout...
The teeny weeny spider went up the water spout...)

La Araña Pequeñita

La araña pequeña subió subió subió
Vino la lluvia, y se la llevó
Salió el sol, y todo lo secó
Y la araña pequeña otra vez subió



**Teddy
Bear,
Teddy
Bear**



**Teddy bear, teddy bear
Turn around**

**Teddy bear, teddy bear
Touch the ground**

**Teddy bear, teddy bear
Touch the sky**

**Teddy bear, teddy bear
Wink one eye**

**Teddy bear, teddy bear
Touch your nose**

**Teddy bear, teddy bear
Touch your toes**

**Teddy bear, teddy bear
Touch your knees**

**Teddy bear, teddy bear
Sit down please!**





Three Little Monkeys

Three Little Monkeys swinging from a tree,
Teasing Mr. Alligator, "can't catch me!"

Along comes Mr. Alligator,
quiet as can be and snaps that
monkey right out of the tree!

Two little monkeys...

One little monkey...

No more monkeys swinging
from the tree!

And away goes Mr. Alligator
happy as can be!



ONE ELEPHANT

One elephant went out to play,
Upon a spider's web one day,
He had such enormous fun,
That he called for another elephant to come.
Oh, elephant!



Two elephants went out to play,
Upon a spider's web one day.
They had such enormous fun,
That they called for another elephant to come.
Oh, elephant!

Three elephants went out to play,
Upon a spider's web one day,
They pranced and they danced
And they put on a show,
'Til one little elephant had to go.
(Repeat with Two elephants...One elephant...)



UN ELEFANTE

Un elefante se balanceaba
Sobre la tela de una araña,
Como veía que resistía,
Fue a llamar a otro elefante.
Dos elefantes se balanceaban
Sobre la tela de una araña,
Como veían que resistía,
Fueron a llamar a otro elefante



Transportation

The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the bus
Go round and round,
Round and round,
Round and round,
The wheels on the bus
Go round and round,
All through the town!

(Repeat with as many other verses as you like...)

The doors on the bus go open and shut
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep
The seats on the bus go bumpity-bump
The driver on the bus says “Move on back!”
The babies on the bus go “Wah! Wah! Wah!”
The parents on the bus say “I love you...”



Elevator Song

Oh, the city is great and the city is grand
There are lots of tall buildings
On a little piece of land
We live way up on the fifty-seventh floor
And this is what we do
When we go out the door
Take the elevator up,
(Lift your child up in the air)
Take the elevator down,
(Gently lower them down)
Take the elevator up,
(Lift up in the air)
Take the elevator down,
(Gently lower them down)
Take the elevator up,
(Lift up in the air for the last time)
Take the elevator down,
(Gently lower them down)
Then we spin around!
(Spin gently around or give them a hug)





This Little Train

(Make train with fist and go up and down child's arm)

This little train
Went up the track
It went "toot toot"
And then it came back.

Smooth Road

Smooth road (4 times)

Bumpy road (4 times)

Rough road (4 times)

POTHOLE!



Bumpin' Downtown in my Little Red Wagon

Bumpin' downtown in my little red wagon

Bumpin' downtown in my little red wagon

Bumpin' downtown in my little red wagon

Bump, bump, bump, bump, bump!

Flying around in my little blue airplane

Flying around in my little blue airplane

Flying around in my little blue airplane

Down, down, down, down, bump!



Food



Acka Backa Soda Cracker

Acka backa soda cracker

Acka backa boo

Acka backa soda cracker

Up goes you!

Acka backa soda cracker

Acka backa boo

Acka backa soda cracker

I love you!



Fruit Salad

(To the tune of "Frère Jacques")

Watermelon, watermelon,

Papaya, papaya,

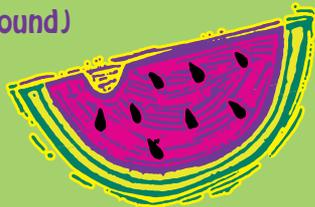
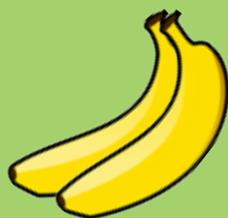
Chop up the banana,

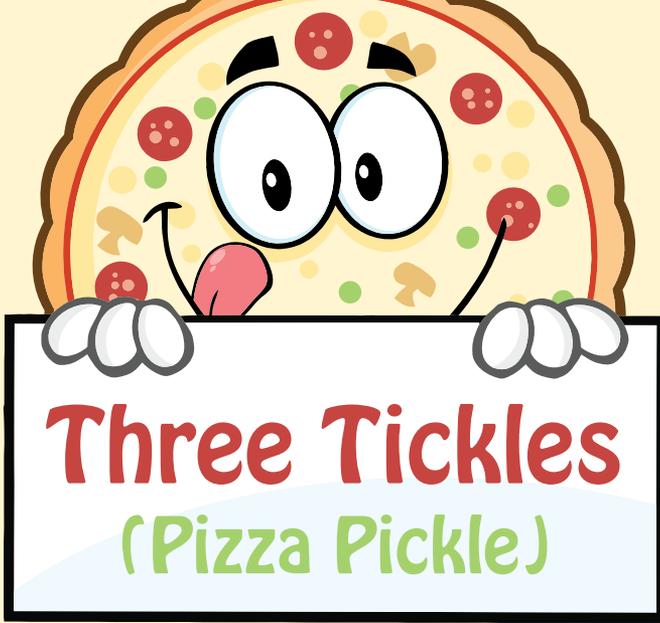
Chop up the banana,

Fruit salad,

Fruit salad!

(Make shape of watermelon, papaya,
make chopping motion, put your hands
on hips and swing them around)





Pizza, pickle pumpernickel.

My little _____ shall have a tickle.
(add child's name)

One for his nose,

And one for his toes,

And one for his tummy,

Where the _____ goes!
(name a food)

Toast in the Toaster

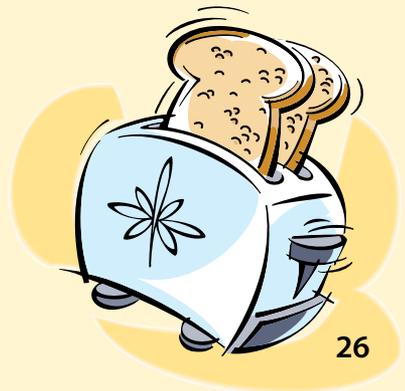
(Hold baby and lift on "pop."
Toddlers will enjoy crouching down
and then jumping up on "pop")

I'm toast in the toaster
And I'm getting very hot!

Tick, tock,

Tick, tock

Up I pop!



Me & My Family

Finger Family

Finger family's up
And finger family's down
Finger family's dancing
All around the town
Dance them on your shoulders
Dance them on your head
Dance them on your knees and
Tuck them into bed

(You can also do this rhyme with
individual fingers, Peter Pointer, etc.)



These are Baby's Fingers

These are baby's fingers
These are baby's toes
This is baby's belly button
Round and round it goes.





Butterfly Kiss

(To the tune of “This is the Way We Wash Our Clothes”)

I’ll give you a butterfly kiss on your nose

I’ll give you one next to your eye

I’ll give you a kiss on your soft little cheek

And then we’ll wave bye-bye

Peek-A-Boo

Peek-a-boo, peek-a-boo

I see you, I see you

I see your button nose

I see your little toes

Peek-a-boo, peek-a-boo

Wake up Feet

Wake up feet, wake up feet,

Wake up feet and wiggle, wiggle, wiggle

Wake up feet, wake up feet,

wake up and wiggle in the morning

(Repeat with hands, ears, etc.)





Come A'Look A'See

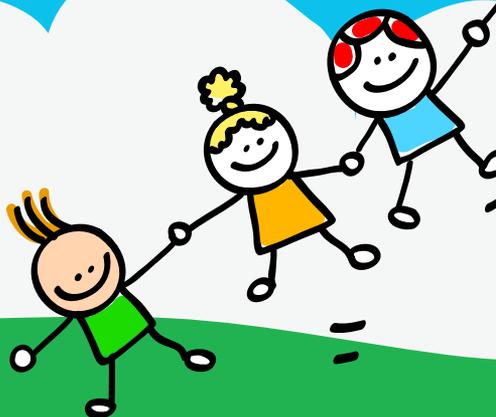
Come a'look a'see, here's my mama
Come a'look a'see, here's my papa
Come a'look a'see, my brother tall
Sister, baby, I love them all!

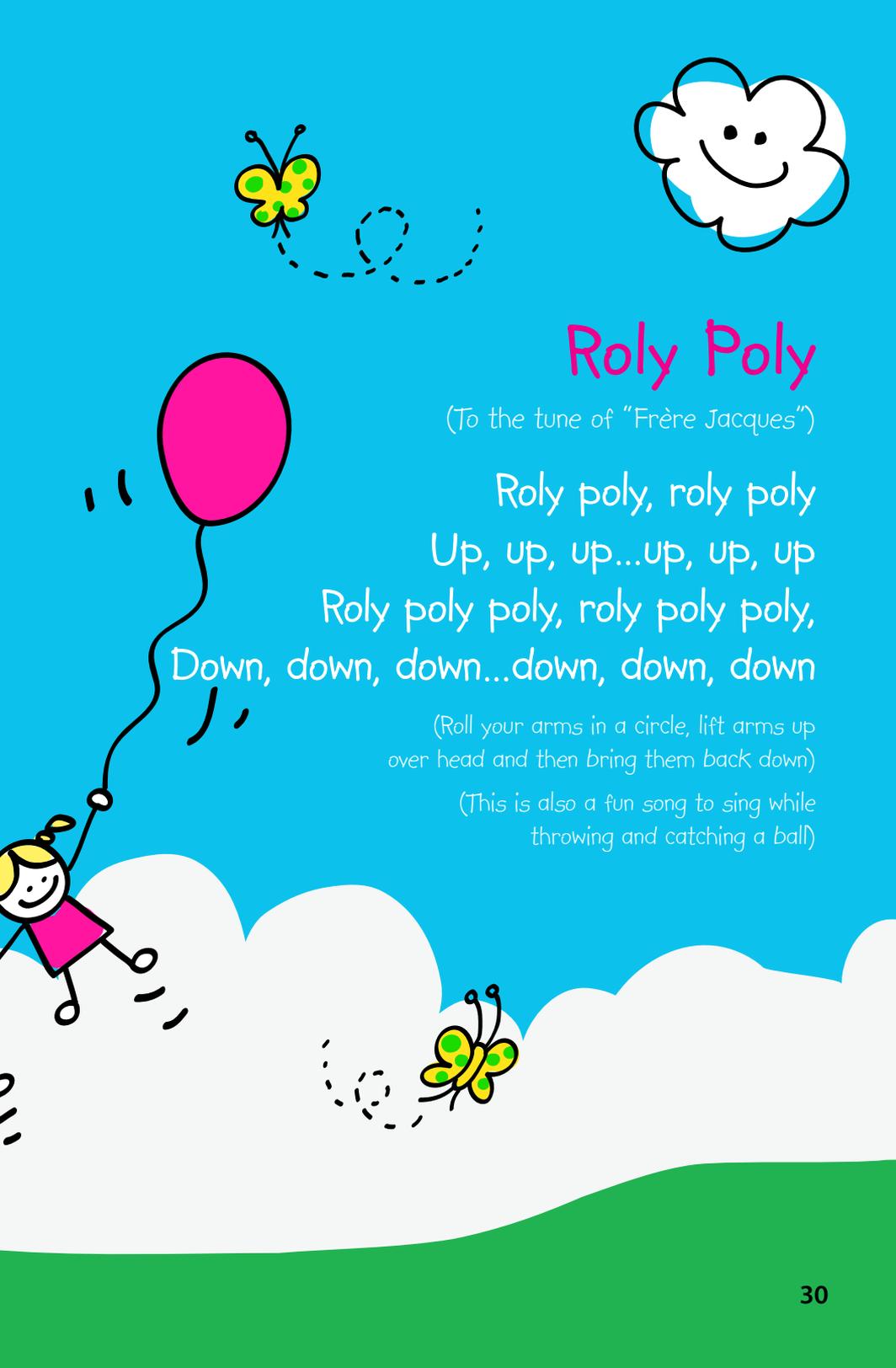
(Hold up each finger as you sing and then clasp hands together)

Up, Down, Turn Around

Up, down, turn around,
Touch the sky, touch the ground,
Wiggle fingers, wiggle toes,
Wiggle shoulders, say hello.

Up, down, turn around,
Touch the sky, touch the ground,
Jiggle tummy, blink your eyes,
Blow a kiss and say good-bye!





Roly Poly

(To the tune of "Frère Jacques")

Roly poly, roly poly
Up, up, up...up, up, up
Roly poly poly, roly poly poly,
Down, down, down...down, down, down

(Roll your arms in a circle, lift arms up over head and then bring them back down)

(This is also a fun song to sing while throwing and catching a ball)



Nighttime, Stars & Moon



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.



En Español

Estrellita, ¿donde estás?
Me pregunto qué serás.
En el cielo y en el mar,
Un diamante de verdad.
Estrellita, ¿donde estas?
Me pregunto qué serás.

ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM, We're Going to the Moon

(Clap your hands as you chant)

Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We're going to the moon,
Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We'll be there very soon,
If you'd like to take a trip,
Climb aboard my rocket ship!

Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We're going to the moon,
Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We'll be there very soon!
Ready.....5, 4, 3, 2, 1

BLASTOFF TO THE MOON!



The Moon is Round

The moon is round
As round can be
Two eyes, a nose, and a mouth
Like me!





Rainbow



Rainbow over the waterfall
Rainbow over the tree
Rainbow over the mountain
Rainbow over the sea
Rainbow over the flowers
Rainbow over the bee
Rainbow over the animals
Rainbow over me!



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