

# Storytime Songs Newsletter

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## Sharing Traditions



Every classroom contains a wealth of culture and family traditions. Rather than avoid talking about specific traditions so as not to offend anyone, talk about **all** of the traditions in your classroom so that children learn to appreciate their own culture as well as new cultures and ideas. Ask children about what they like about their favorite holiday and put it to song.

### Tune: The Farmer in the Dell

We spend time with our families. We spend time with our families. On our favorite holiday, we spend time with our families.

We like to eat pie. We like to eat pie. With our friends on Thanksgiving, we like to eat pie.

We decorate the tree. We decorate the tree. With our friends on Christmas Day, we decorate the tree.

We light menorah candles. We light menorah candles. With our friends on Hanukkah, we light menorah candles.

## Sequencing Songs and Stories

Create pictures on notecards of the main points in children's favorite stories and songs. Let children use these pictures to retell their favorite stories and songs! This is great memory and sequencing practice. Children can practice putting the cards in order as they learn to retell their favorite story.



## It's All About Bells!

Enjoy many jingle bell activities this holiday season – at home or in the classroom!

### Jingle Bell Mitts and Socks!

Sew jingle bells onto the ends of old mittens or socks! If they are no longer useful to keep fingers and toes warm, they may be useful instruments! Dance around the room with these fun jinglers!

### Jingle Bell Friends



Use pipe cleaners and bells to make holiday shapes that jingle.

### Jingle Bell Sticks

Use a pipe cleaner to attach bells around a wooden chopstick.



### Jingle Bell Bracelets

Make a fun bracelet or anklet to use while dancing with pipe cleaners and jingle bells.



### Tambourine

Use the outside of a paper plate to make a tambourine. Punch 3-4 holes around the outside and attach jingle bells with string.



Happy Holidays!!!

## Tongue Twisters

Saying and singing tongue twisters are great ways to develop early literacy skills. Children learn to listen to alliteration and the sounds of our language.

Try saying these tongue twisters together in a tune. Sing the words of each tongue twister over and over to the tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat or Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star. It's challenging for children and adults, it promotes literacy skills, and it's fun!

Double Bubble Gum  
Flip Flapjacks  
Pink Piggy Bank

Now make up your own tongue twisters – try using two to three words that start with the same letter!

## Early Literacy Skills

Help your child and the children in your classroom learn to relate letters to their own names and the names of their friends.

Try this song in your classroom:

tune: If You're Happy and You Know It

If your name starts with A, clap your hands.  
If your name starts with A, clap your hands.  
If your name starts with A, if your name starts with A, if your name starts with A, clap your hands!

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