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Shaker Eggs

Shaker eggs are a fun and easy musical instrument to make yourself! Using a plastic Easter egg, carefully fill it about a third of the way full with rice or beans, close the egg and tape around the seam to seal. Now you're ready to shake and sing away!

Use shaker eggs to count syllables in your child's name and find the beat in your favorite songs. Shake faster and speed the song up. Shake slower and slow the song down.

Song Cube

Have trouble coming up with songs to sing with your child? Try making a song cube! Using the template we've provided, cut out the song cube and assemble by folding and taping the edges. Roll it on the floor and sing whatever song lands face up!

Tips: Add the song cube into your schedule by rolling it every night before bed. Encourage your child to guess the song based on the picture shown. Change the pictures and songs based on your child's interests.

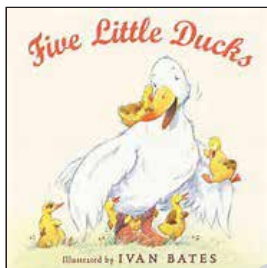
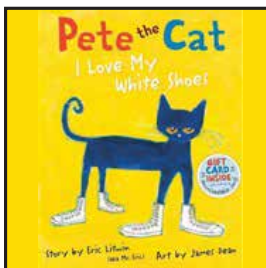
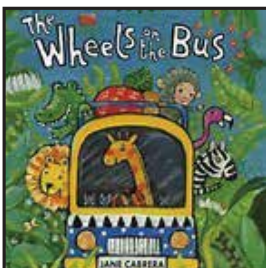
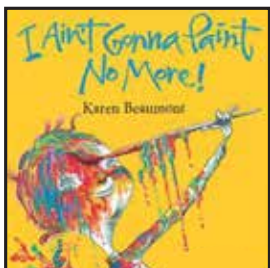
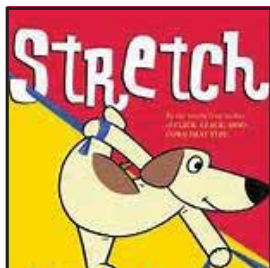
Felt Boards

Felt boards are a fun way for children to explore the stories in their favorite songs and help build memorization skills. Felt board pieces can be made with felt, interfacing, or heavy paper with Velcro on the back. The felt board itself can be made by taping or stapling a piece of felt to cardboard. Look online or in your favorite picture books for ideas and patterns or make your own! Let your child make their own pieces. Ask your child questions and have them predict what happens next as they put pieces on the board. Let them play with the pieces to create stories and songs.

Song Books

Music can be found anywhere, including books! Books that are based on traditional nursery rhymes or folktales as well as books with a strong natural rhythm! Slow down the text for your child so they can better understand what they're hearing and learn new words. Singing adds a new element to a familiar experience,

Books that you can sing with your child:



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