

# PHONICS THE FUN WAY

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“CHILDREN WITH MORE POSITIVE LEARNING BEHAVIORS, SUCH AS INITIATIVE, ATTENTION, AND PERSISTENCE, LATER DEVELOP STRONGER LANGUAGE SKILLS.”

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# WHY NOT USE MUSIC TO TEACH LITERACY?

Timothy Rasinski, Ph.D.

Effective Teaching of Reading has 6 essential elements

1. Phonemic Awareness 
2. Phonics (Word Decoding) 
3. Vocabulary (Word Meaning) 
4. Reading Fluency 
5. Comprehension 
6. Professional Development 

# RHYME

## Down by the bay

Make your own rhyme

Listen for a set of rhyming words

Make rhyming cards for children to use during play time



# PHONEMIC AWARENESS

Find letters

Words versus letters

Real Words vs. imaginary words

Change letters in a word or the song

Letter identification

Lowercase and uppercase

# GREAT PHONICS SONGS

Phonics Song 2 (new version) KidsTV123

Phonics Songs HooplaKidz

What Do the Letters Say? HaveFunTeaching

Jolly Songs A-Z BSS KG1 Gulshan

U u



**Action:** Keep one hand steady and raise the other, as if raising an umbrella, and say *u, u, u, u.*

u

*Tune: Skip to My Lou*

/u/-/u/ up go umbrellas.  
/u/-/u/ up go umbrellas.  
/u/-/u/ up go umbrellas..  
...when it starts to rain!



# I CAN FIND THE LETTER C

Cookie starts with C

Let's think of other things

That starts with C

Oh, who cares about the other things?

C is for cookie, that's good enough for me

C is for cookie, that's good enough for me

C is for cookie, that's good enough for me

Oh, cookie, cookie, cookie starts with C

# VOCABULARY

What do these words mean

Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water

Jack fell down and broke his crown

Jill came tumbling after

\*Ask about unknown words in a text\*

# COMPREHENSION

What was that song about?

Draw a picture to tell me about this song

Why did the song writer say....

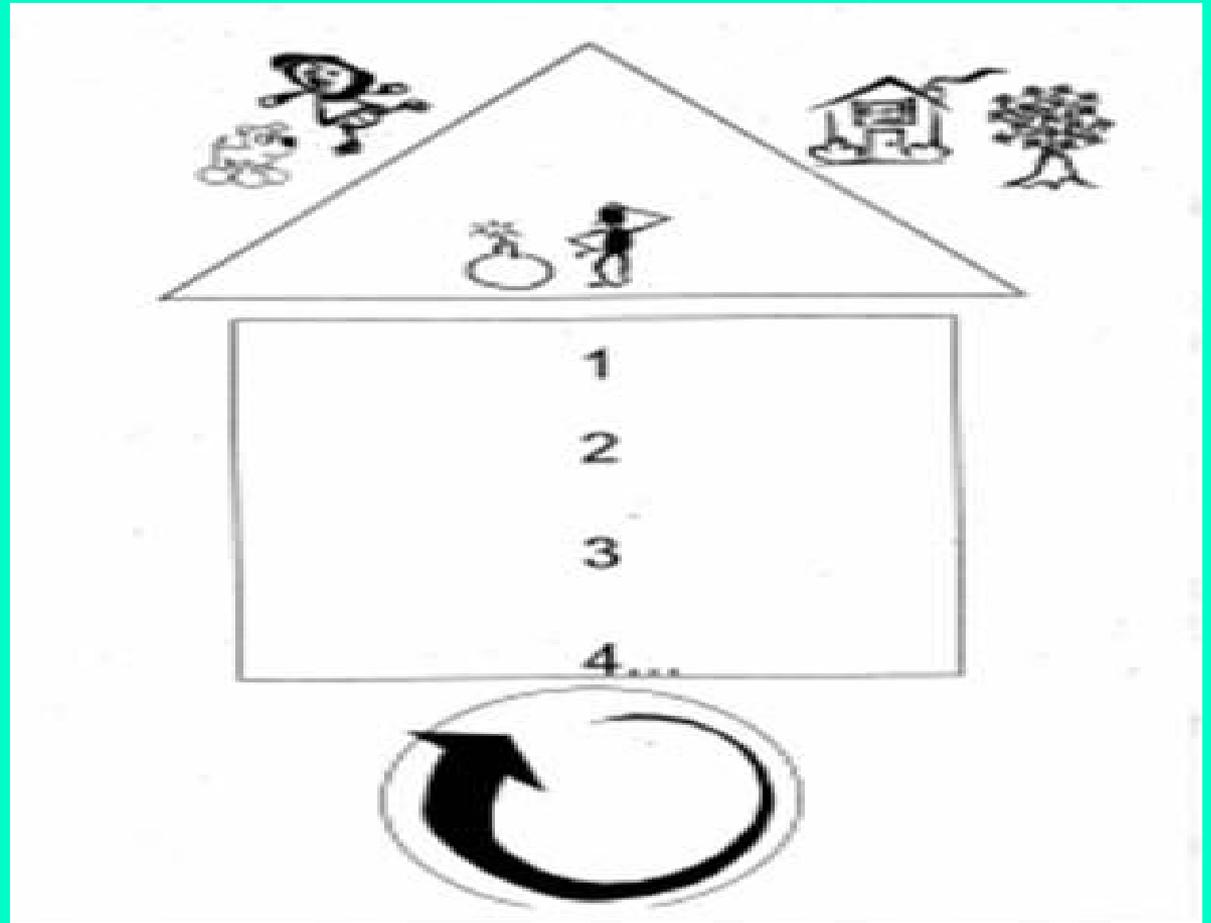
What happened in this song?

What happened first?

Draw your favorite part

# GO CHART

Songs have  
Characters  
Setting  
Problems and solutions



Wheels on the Bus

# BONUS SKILLS

Following directions

Review concepts using themed songs

Brush Your Teeth -Raffi

Follow the Rules -Hedi Songs

# GREAT SONGS

Down By the Bay - Rhyme

C is for cookie -the letter c

Green and Speckled Frogs (Math)

5 little Ducks (Math)

Nursery Rhymes

Seasonal Songs

Raffi

The Learning Station

# WHAT DO WE DO WITH ALL OF THESE SONGS

Make a song book

Sing them once a week during a song party

Use them for movement breaks

Sing them during circle

# FUN BUT EFFECTIVE

Writing Center

Dramatic Play

Post Office

Newspaper

Art Gallery

Talk about it (Talk/Draw/Write)

# DRAMATIC PLAY

How do we set up this area?

What do we need?

Change the tools

Change the concept

Are we writing?

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