

Rhyming

Rhyme play directs the children's attention to the similarities and differences in the sounds of words. They become aware that language not only has meaning and message, but also form.

The following is a list of sources for poems and rhymes.

Aardema, V. (1981). *Bringing the rain to Kapiti Plain*. New York: the Dial Press.

Ahlberg, J. (1979). Viking. *Each peach, pear, plum*. New York: Rhymed text and illustrations invite the reader to play I Spy with a variety of Mother Goose and other folklore characters.

Alda, A. (1992). *Sheep, sheep, sheep, help me fall asleep*. New York: Bantam Doubleday Books for Young Readers. It's bedtime and once Mom leaves the room, this preschooler who isn't ready to fall asleep counts not just sheep but other animals doing a variety of things.

Bayer, J. (1984). *A my name is Alice*. New York: The Dial Press. Through lively alliteration, a different character for each letter of the alphabet is described in terms of name, place he or she lives and occupation.

Berenstain, S., & Berenstain, J. (1988). *The Berenstain Bears and the Ghost of the Forest*. New York: Random House, Inc. Papa Bear's attempt to scare a band of young campers by telling them about ghosts in the woods comes to an unexpected conclusion with a double ghost lesson.

Brown, M. (1994). *Pickle Things*. New York: Parents Magazine Press. Describes, in rhymed text illustrations, all the many things that a pickle isn't.

Chapman, C. (1993). *Pass the Fritters, Critters*. New York: Four Winds Press. Hungry animals passing food during a meal learn the "please" is a magic word.

Deming, A.G. (1994). *Who is Tapping At My Window?* New York: Penguin. Through rhyming of animal names, a child tries to discover who is tapping at her window.

Guarino, D. (1989). *Is Your Mama A Llama?* New York: Scholastic. A young llama asks his friends if their mammas are llamas and finds out, in rhyme, that their mothers are other types of animals.

Prelutsky, J. (1983). *It's Valentine's Day*. New York: Greenwillow Books. A collection of Valentine poems including, "I Made My Dog a Valentine" and "I Love You More Than Applesauce."

Raffi. (1987). *Down by The Bay*. New York: Crown. In this song, Mother asks her son, "Did you ever see a moose kissing a goose, a fly wearing a tie, or llamas eating pajamas down by the bay?"

Rogers, P. (1990). *What Will the Weather Be Like Today?* New York: Greenwillow Books. Animals and humans discuss in rhyming verse, the possibilities of today's weather.

Shaw, N. (1986). *Sheep in a Jeep*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin. Rhyming verse is used to record the crazy adventures of a group of sheep that go riding in a jeep.

Wood, A. (1992). *Silly Sally*. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich. A rhyming story of Silly Sally, who makes many friends as she travels into town, backward and upside down.

Ziefert, H., Brown, H. (1996). *What Rhymes With Eel?* New York: Penguin. In this simple word and picture flap book, rhyming words are tied to rhyming pictures, allowing children to predict what is under the flap.