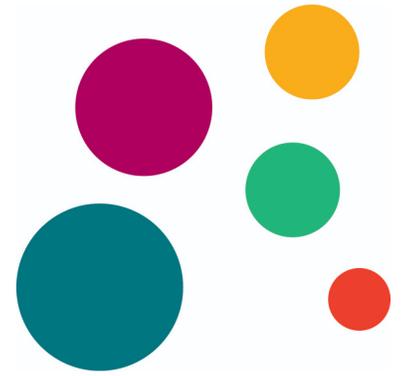


STORYTIME AT HOME

Stories in Rhyme

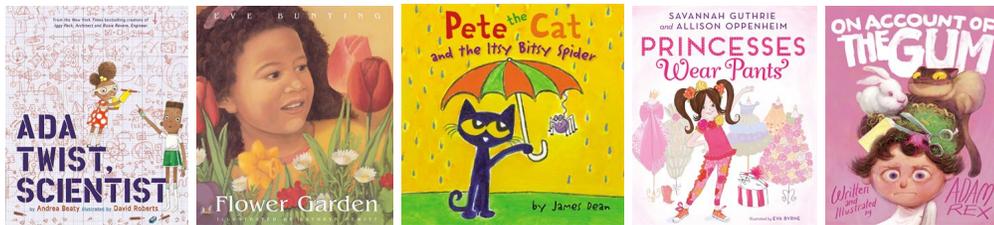
You and your little one can enjoy storytime at home. Rhyming, like singing, helps your little one develop skills that get them ready to learn to read.



Read and Talk

Head over to Hoopla digital to check out some of these rhyming stories, all available with your library card:

- *Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty <https://tinyurl.com/asc94vcz>
- *Flower Garden* by Eve Bunting <https://tinyurl.com/fysprjkb>
- *Pete the Cat and the Itsy Bitsy Spider* by James Dean <https://tinyurl.com/xtjr6yrz>
- *Princesses Wear Pants* by Savannah Guthrie <https://tinyurl.com/fcs4enrx>
- *On Account of the Gum* by Adam Rex <https://tinyurl.com/5a9m3ku2>



It doesn't matter whether you read or just look at it and talk about the pictures in the book (or just part of it). You can have your child clap along to the words or notice and repeat the rhyming words. Enjoy this special time with your little one in your lap!

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Sing and Move Your Bodies

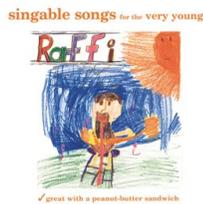
Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes

Head, shoulders, knees, and toes,
Head, shoulders, knees, and toes,
Knees and toes,
Eyes and ears and mouth and nose
Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes

Repeat singing, pointing at each body part and dancing, going faster each time!

Let's dance!

Dance to your favorite song or try this favorite album by [Raffi](#) available on Hoopla digital.



Try singing along to track 10, *Willoughby Wallaby Woo* making up your own silly rhymes as you go along.

What rhymes with your name? Who can come up with the funniest sounding word?

Try a tickly bouncy rhyme.

Turn your little one over on your lap for this traditional rhyme so they can see your facial expressions:

Hickory, dickory dock, the mouse ran up the clock,
The clock struck one, the mouse ran down,
Hickory, dickory dock.

Toddlers love action songs; they can use one hand to walk up their own arm (or yours) as the mouse runs up. Can you come up with more verses? Make up new actions for each number, like "the clock struck two, mouse shouted Boo!"

Play and Write

Drawing is wonderful practice for learning to write later!

Make a rhyming basket: You and your child draw different objects on small pieces of paper. Once you have a few, put them all in a basket (or, just put them on the table or floor) and start playing.

Say "hat" and challenge your child to find the picture with the rhyming word. Don't worry if you can't find a word that rhymes, it might be even more fun to make up nonsense words. Then have your child pick a picture and say a word that rhymes with it.

