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Words & Language: Activity 4

Benefits for Your Child:

- Increases awareness of sounds in words
- Responds to the rhythm of spoken language
- Begins to recognize parts of words
- Listens with intent

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Kindergarten Connection

There is a direct relationship between the number of rhymes a child knows when entering kindergarten and success as a reader. In kindergarten, children will identify and create lists of rhyming words.

Activity: Rhymes and Songs



More Ideas:

- If your child is ready for a challenge, change part of the rhyme and match the rhyming word. "Humpty Dumpty sat in a car. Humpty Dumpty had to go far."
- Clap along or provide rhythm instruments such as spoons, pans, or a small box to shake.

Tips:

- Rhymes do not have to make sense. You can even use nonsense words.

Activity Card

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