

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Level 10, 901-1,000

SING

Songs are a wonderful way for children to learn about language and hear new words. Singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words. This helps children when they begin to read printed language. Sing songs and play music for your child.

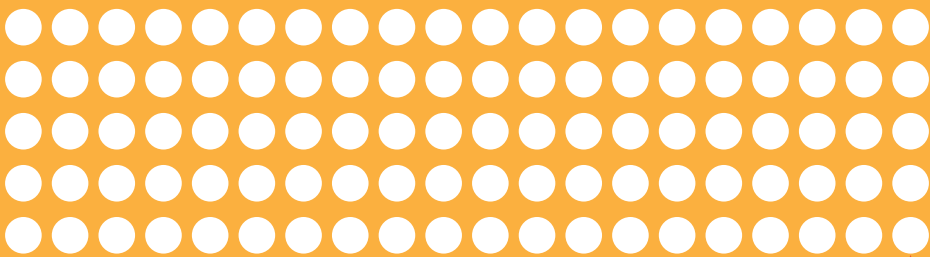
Books That Support Singing:

- Rhyming books
- Books with animal sounds
- Nursery rhymes
- Books that can be sung



American Alligator

Please fill in a bubble for every book read.



Congratulations! You have read 1,000 books! Return this sheet to the library to claim your sticker and certificate.

Fun Activities to Try at Home

Shake things up! Make shakers by putting a small amount of dried rice, beans, metal bolts, sand or pebbles in empty plastic bottles. Glue the caps securely to the bottles. Reinforce them by covering the caps with masking tape. Let your child explore the different sounds made by the shakers.

Draw with music. Tape large pieces of paper to a table or the floor. Make crayons available for your child. Play a distinctive type of music, such as jazz, opera or country and watch what the music inspires in each drawing. Repeat with different music.

Add movement to music. Give your child ribbons or scarves and put on some music for them to dance to. Try this activity using music of varying types and speeds.

Make a song cube! Tape up a small square box (size of a tissue box) and cover with paper. Write the name and draw a picture for six different nursery rhymes or songs (examples: a star for "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" or a bus for the song "Wheels on the Bus"). Ask your child to roll the box and then sing the song or rhyme together.

Dance with your baby. Help babies move their bodies while listening to music. Sway gently to slower music and hold babies closely as you move to a faster tempo. You can also lay babies on the floor and help them move their legs and arms to the tempo of the song.

On the Go Tip: Create a few playlists of your child's favorite songs that include upbeat tempos for when you want to sing and groove and softer songs for naps and quiet time while on the go. Check out and download music for kids through the library's free services to hear songs and sounds from different countries.

My 5 Favorite Books:

