


NURSERY RHYMES & PUPPETS



SONGS AND ORAL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ Book reading and song fosters language development and bonds between parent and children.
 - ▶ Songs help children develop their attention span.
 - ▶ Early exposure to language assists children in understanding the meaning of words.
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WHY SONGS AND PUPPETS

- ▶ Children at 18 months that have experienced daily interaction with families were found to have stronger productive vocabularies at 24 months.
- ▶ The relationship between language and vocabulary at two years of age predicts a child's ability at age eight.

SIX PRINCIPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

- ▶ There are six principles that describe environmental factors that encourage language learning, all of which can be activated as children hear books and songs.
 1. Children need to hear many words often.
 2. Children learn words when they are interested.
 3. Children learn best when adults are responsive to them.
 4. Words are learned when meanings are made clear.
 5. Vocabulary and grammar are learned together.
 6. Keep it positive while encouraging conversation with continued dialogue.

(Dickinson, Griffith, Golinkoff, Hirsh-Pasek, 2012)