



Purposeful Ongoing Play

Enhancing Language Skills Through Play

Parent Tip Sheet (P.O.P. Sheet) on... Singing

- * Find songs that match your child's interests.
- * Below are some ideas that may be used, but don't feel you have to use them all every time you sing. Just pick 2 or 3 that you feel comfortable with and can easily do.
- * Songs can be used to teach specific vocabulary, so look for songs that relate to vocabulary you'd like to teach or reinforce.
- * The more senses a person engages in an activity (e.g. seeing, hearing, doing), the more they are apt to learn through that activity, so find songs that incorporate lots of animated gestures and motions.
- * Repetition is very important in the learning process! Songs that are repetitive in nature are great because they're easy to learn and remember.
- * Sing 2 or 3 songs that have a similar theme and then do a simple activity related to that theme. For example, if you're singing about outdoor things (rainbow, sun, etc.), find a related coloring page or craft to do together. There are many wonderful websites that provide free templates for coloring and crafts.
- * Use play microphones and instruments to make the singing activity even more fun!
- * Here are just a few song suggestions:
 - Apples and Bananas
 - Happy and You Know It
 - Head, Shoulders, Knees, & Toes
 - Itsy Bitsy Spider
 - Old MacDonald
 - Six Little Ducks
 - Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
 - Wheels on the Bus
- * If singing is not a strength for you, check out a children's songs CD at your local library and have fun!



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