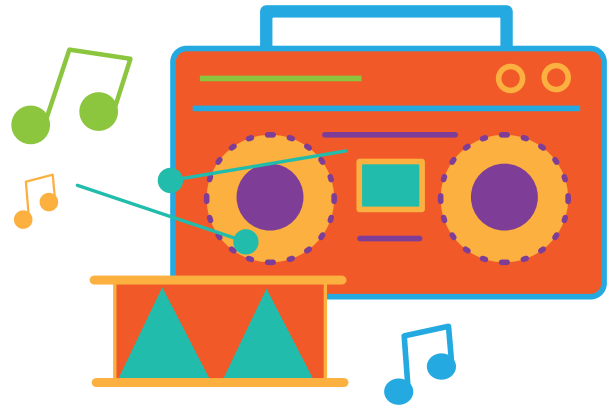




## Family Talk: Songs & Rhymes

**Songs & Rhymes** help your child increase vocabulary, learn sounds, and hear the rhythm of language.

- Share songs from your own childhood. Talk about how or when you sang them when you were little.
- Ask your child's teacher if you can visit and sing a song or rhyme from your family tradition in your home language.



### Infant

Your baby loves the sound of your voice. Sing any type of song you like! You can even change up the lyrics — your baby won't notice the difference, and it helps introduce new vocabulary.

Singing the same songs at the same time each day, such as during daily routines (diapering, taking a bath, going down for a nap), helps your child learn what to expect. It can make transitions smoother!

### Toddler

Sing or play songs that have accompanying gestures or body movements to get your child moving! For even more fun, join along!

Use songs to help build your child's listening skills. Make up a tune (or change the words to a song you already know) about a daily routine such as getting dressed, brushing teeth, or putting away toys.

- "Pick, pick, pick up toys. Put them all away. Our clean room looks very nice, we'll play another day."

### Preschool

Sing silly songs by rhyming with real or nonsense words. Being able to hear smaller parts of words helps build early reading skills.

- "There is a fat cat, sitting on a flat mat. He's wearing a tall hat. I think he likes that."