



The Importance of Singing

- Songs are a great way to learn about language.
- **Singing** breaks down and slows language so that children can hear the smaller sounds in words.
- These skills help children learn to read printed language.

Singing activities that prepare for reading

- **Sing** the alphabet song to learn about letters.
- **Sing** nursery rhymes so children hear different sounds in words.
- Clap along to the rhythms in songs so children hear the syllables in words.
- Share songs that tell a story like Mary Had a Little Lamb.
- **Sing** songs with letters such as B-I-N -G-O.

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Let's Sing "Everything has a Shape"

Think about vocabulary that might be new to your child and **sing** to learn words.

"Everything has a shape,
 Pencils, pretzels and plates.
 Sneakers and skates and Superman's cape,
 Rivers and lakes and tiny snow flakes,
 Everything has a shape, everything has a shape."

Let's Make Music

Make simple musical instruments and play them as you **sing**.

Fill a plastic bottle with cereal or use a pie-Tin and wooden soon as percussion