

“Tuneful” Tasks and Transitions

Use Familiar Tunes

ABC Song Allouette Are you Sleeping Clementine Did you Ever See A Lassie Farmer in the Dell Good-night Ladies Happy Birthday Hokey Pokey If You're Happy and You Know It I'm a Little Teapot Jingle Bells	London Bridges Looby Loo Mary Had a Little Lamb My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean Muffin Man Mulberry Bush Pop Goes the Weasel Row, Row, Row, Your Boat She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain Shortnin' Bread 10 Little Indians Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
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Use Repetition

When used on a regular basis, the music and song will become predictable and comfortable to the child. Think of ways to encourage the child to process the information in both auditory and tactile ways. (i.e.: singing the melody line, and tapping the rhythm)

Use for Specific Routines

Changing activities
Moving from Room to Room
Going in or out of Building
Sharing between children

Keep it Simple

By using familiar tunes and simple lyrics that get the message across it will be easier for children to process.

Have Fun!

Encourage children to use the music on a regular basis, and even encourage them to create these transition tunes themselves.

Stories with a “Tune”

<p>Let’s Sing a Song Series; Illustrated by Jill Weber</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I’ve Been Working on the Railroad • Head Shoulders Knees and Toes • Row, Row, Row Your Boat • Yankee Doodle <p>Karen Katz Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toes, Ears, & Nose • Where Is Baby’s Belly Button • What does the Bay Say <p>Child’s Play Series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If You’re Happy and You Know It • Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star <p>Iza Trapani Books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I’m a Little Teapot • Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star • Baa Baa Black Sheep • Row Row Row Your Boat • Mary Had a Little Lamb • The Itsy Bitsy Spider • How Much Is That Doggie in the Window? • Oh Where oh Where has My Little Dog Gone? • Shoo Fly 	<p>Kin Eagle Books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It’s Raining, It’s Pouring • Rub a Dub Dub • Hey Diddle Diddle <p>Eric Carle books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown Bear, Brown Bear • Polar Bear, Polar Bear • From Head to Toe <p>Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb by Al Perkins Wheels on the Bus; Raffi Songs to Read I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Mary and Hoberman and Nadine Bernard Westcott Baby Cakes by Karma Wilson Five Little Ducks; Raffi Songs to Read Skip to My Lou by Nadine Bernard Westcott The Animal Boogie, By Debbie Harter Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault Five Silly Monkeys; Steve Haskamp Bingo by Rosemary Wells Going to the Zoo by Tom Paxton Little Bunny Foo Foo by Paul Brett Johnson</p>
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Props to Use with a “Tune”

<p>Egg Shakers Maracas Jingle Bells Cabasa Tambourine Drum (with Mallets) Rainstick Woodblock “Short” Rhythm Sticks Ocean Drum Kazoos Whistles Recorders Harmonicas Pretend Microphones</p>	<p>Colored Scarves and Streamers Bean Bags Finger and Hand Puppets Books Bubbles Balls of various shapes, sizes and textures Parachute Puzzles Stacking Cups Flashlights Stuffed Animals/Doll Pictures of familiar people/objects/instruments Flannel Board Big Mack Switch</p>
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