**RHYMES**

**IF YOU’RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT**
If you’re happy and you know it,
Clap your hands.
If you are happy and you know it,
Clap your hands.
If you’re happy and you know it,
Then your face will surely show it,
If you’re happy and you know it,
Clap your hands.

Repeat with...
- Pat your knees
- Touch your nose

**TICK TOCK TICK TOCK**
Tick tock, tick tock.
I’m a little cuckoo clock.
Tick tock, tick tock.
Now I’m striking one o’clock.

**CUCKOO!**
(Repeat with two and three o’clock)

**WE HIT THE FLOOR TOGETHER**
We hit the floor together, (3x)
Because it’s fun to do.
We clap our hands together, (3x)
Because it’s fun to do.
We wave our arms together, (3x)
Because it’s fun to do.
We wiggle our fingers together, (3x)
Because it’s fun to do.
We sway from side to side, (3x)
Because it’s fun to do.
And we all say “Hello.”
We all say “Hello.”
We all say “Hello.”
Because it’s fun to do.

**FINGERPLAYS**

**SNOWFLAKES**
*Kathy Reid-Naiman*
Snowflakes, snowflakes,
Softly falling from the sky.
Snowflakes, snowflakes,
They’ll be landing by and by.
Snowflakes, snowflakes,
Whirling twirling all around.
Snowflakes, snowflakes,
Gently falling to the ground.
Quietly without a sound.

**THE MITTEN SONG** (traditional)
“Thumbs in the thumb-place,
(Hold up your thumbs)
Fingers all together!”
(Hold up four fingers of each hand)
This is the song we sing in mitten-weather.
(Clap your hands)
It doesn’t matter whether (Shake your head)
They’re made of wool or leather.
This is the song we sing in mitten-weather:
“Thumbs in the thumb-place,
Fingers all together!”

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*Let Children Turn the Pages*

Babies cannot yet turn pages on their own, but an 18-month-old will want to give it a try, and a three-year-old can certainly do it alone.
Remember, it’s OK to skip pages!
ONE, TWO, BUCKLE MY SHOE
One, two, buckle my shoe.
Three, four, shut the door.
Five, six, pick up sticks.
Seven, eight, lay them straight.
Nine, ten, a big fat hen!

TICKLE
RUM TUM TICKLE
Rum tum tiddle idle um tum tinkle.
This gingerbread baby’s gonna have a little tickle.
One for his tummy and one for his toes,
And a great big kiss for his gingerbread nose!

BOUNCE
BOUNCING ON MY KNEE
(Sung to the tune of “Oh Susannah”)
Oh, I’m looking at a baby that I’m bouncing on my knee. (Bounce baby throughout)
And (s)he is the cutest baby that I ever want to see!
Oh, my baby, I’ll bounce you left and right.
(Bounce baby left & right)
I’ll bounce you high, and bounce you low,
(Lift baby up, and lower down toward floor)
and bounce you out of sight!
(Bounce lightly and rapidly)

I’M A PIECE OF POPCORN
I’m a piece of popcorn
(Gently bounce baby on lap)
Put me in the pot
(Continue to bounce)
Shake me, shake me
(Gently wiggle baby back and forth)
And watch me POP!
(Lift baby up into air)

CLAP YOUR HANDS
Clap, clap, clap your hands,
Clap your hands together,
Clap, clap, clap your hands,
Clap your hands together.
La la la ... Sign MUSIC to the beat
Verse 2. Stomp, stomp, stomp your feet
Verse 3. Move, move, move your head
Verse 4. Dance, dance, dance with me
Verse 5. Run, run, run with me

LULLABY
STARS SHINING
Stars shining number, number, one, number two, number three.
Oh my! By and by, by and by, oh my, by and by.
Stars shining number, number, four, number five, number six.
Oh my! By and by, by and by, oh my, by and by.
Stars shining number, number, seven, number eight, number nine.
Oh my! By and by, by and by, oh my, by and by.
Stars shining number, number, ten, number eleven, number twelve.
Oh my! By and by, by and by, oh my, by and by.

INTERACTIVE RHYMES
I’M A LITTLE TEAPOT
I’m a little teapot, short and stout.
(Stand up straight.)
Here is my handle, here is my spout.
(Bend left arm up and flap hand down.)
When I get all steamed up, hear me shout.
“Tip me over and pour me out.”
(Lean over to left.)

Play rhyming games to build phonemic Awareness ... and just for fun!

Music: SING THE COLD WINTER AWAY: FAMILY SONGS FOR WINTERTIME. (J Compound Disc/Reid-Naiman/Sing)

WINTER BOOKS WE READ:
Butler, John. Whose Baby Am I?
Dodd, Emma. Just Like You.
Ehler, Lois. Snowballs.
Ford, Miela. Bear Play.
Hines, Anna Grossnickle. 1, 2, Buckle My Shoe.
Martin, Bill. Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?
Patridge, Elizabeth. Moon Glowing.
Thomas, Patricia. Red Sled.
Thompson, Carol. Snug.