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Count Down to Kindergarten

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Good-Bye Winter

Good-bye winter, we wish you'd go away.
Good-bye snow, good-bye slush.
Good-bye puddles, good-bye snowsuits.
Good-bye cold wind!

Come back springtime, we wish you'd come to stay.
Come back grass! Come back flowers!
Come back birds! Come back swimsuits.
Come back warm sun!

It is Spring

It is spring, it is spring
The grass is turning green,
The grass is turning green.
Look at all the flowers,
Look at all the flowers.
Hear the birds sing,
Hear the birds sing.

It is Springtime (Tune: London Bridges)

Leaves are growing on the trees, on the trees, on the trees.
Leaves are growing on the trees, it is springtime.

All the grass is turning green...

See the birds build their nests...

Watch the flowers start to grow...

Leprechaun Song

(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little leprechaun
Dressed in green,
The tiniest man
That you ever seen.
If you ever catch me, so it's told,
I'll give you my pot of gold.



**Songs, Rhymes and Finger Plays
Literacy Development**



Start Early. Reach Higher.

Springtime

(Tune: Mulberry Bush)

Springtime, springtime, how do you do
Springtime, springtime, how do you do
Springtime, springtime, how do you do
Flowers, sunshine are part of you.

Springtime colors are everywhere
(repeat twice)
Bright and cheerful colors too.

Springtime animals are everywhere
(repeat twice)
Birds, bees and butterflies too.

Blossoms, buds and greenery too
(repeat twice)
Springtime, springtime, glad to see you.

Ten Fingers

I have ten little fingers
With which I like to play
They can be such different things
On any kind of day.

Now they're ten ants running
In the summer sun
Hither, thither darting
Work is never done.

Now they're ten fish swimming
In a gurgling brook
Safe from larger fishes
Safe from any hook.

Now they're spiders climbing
Upon a silken line
Safe in corners hiding
From your eyes and mine.

Now they are ten fingers
In a row like this
They can help me clap my hands
And throw you a big kiss.

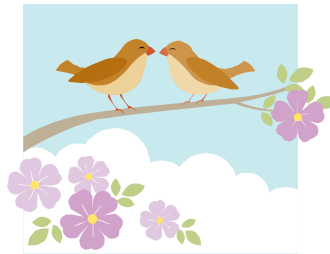
PEAK Literacy Tip

Finger plays, songs and rhymes are important for helping children learn the sounds of language. This is the beginning step of learning to read.

It is important for young children to:

- Repeat rhyming songs and poems and identify rhymes
- Recognize the common sounds at the beginning of words

Have fun with these seasonal songs and rhymes.



Two Little Feet

Two little feet go tap, tap, tap.
Two little hands go clap, clap, clap.
One little leap up from the chair.
Two little arms go in the air.
Two little hands go thump, thump, thump.
Two little feet go jump, jump, jump.
One little body goes round and round.
One little child sits quietly down.