



Words & Lyrics

When Ducks Get Up In The Morning

When ducks get up in the morning they always say
good day

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Quack! Quack! That's how they say good day

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(repeat with other animals and sounds – try animal
sounds from different countries!)

The More We Get Together

The more we get together, together, together
The more we get together, the happier we'll be
'Cause your friends are my friends,
and my friends are your friends

The more we get together, the happier we'll be
There's baby's name and baby's name
And baby's name and baby's name

The more we get together the happier we'll be!
(with baby sign language)

Earkin Hearkin

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Eyekin Spykin

Cheeky Cherry, Chin chin chin!

I like to Eat Apples and Bananas

I like to eat, eat, eat, apples and bananas

I like to eat, eat, eat, apples and bananas

I like to eat, eat, eat, apples and bananas

I like to eat, eat, eat, apples and bananas

Replace with different vowel sounds:

oot ooples, ate aypples, ite eyepples, etc

Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle

The cow jumped over the moon

The little dog laughed to see such sport

And the dish ran away with the spoon!

L is for Llama

L is for llama lip, lip, lip

M is for Manta Ray, slip, slip, slip

N is for Nibbling

yum, yum, yum, yum, yum

and O is for when

we get OFF our bums!

Green Means Go

Green means go!

GO GO GO GO GO GO GO GO!

Yellow means slow!

Sloooooow sloooooow sloooooow!

Red means STOP!

Yankee Doodle

Yankee Doodle went to town

Riding on a Pony

Stuck a feather in his cap

And called in HOP-aroni

Replace with different actions; skip-aroni, slide-aroni, tiptoe-roni, etc

A is for Alligator

A is for alligator, chop, chop, chop

B is for Bunny Rabbit, hop, hop, hop

C is for Circle, round and round

And D is for when

We all sit DOWN!

Dickie Birds

Two little dickie birds sitting on a cloud

One named Quiet and one named LOUD

Fly away Quiet, fly away LOUD

Come back Quiet, come back LOUD!

Fast... Slow

Up... Down

ACTIVITY	NOTES
When Ducks Get Up in the Morning	Sing this song in a circle and have each child participate by suggesting an animal. Animal sounds are great for practicing phonemes, and just like people, animals say different sounds all around the world! This might be a great way to incorporate the languages of ELLs in your program and gives everyone the chance to participate.
Naming Song: The More We Get Together	If you're looking for a new naming song, try using this one with sign language. Signing is a great way to increase manual dexterity in our hands!
Face Rhyme: Earkin Hearkin	This is a great rhyme for beginning some word association, and the fact that eye and spy and ear and hear rhyme is a fascinating way to start a conversation about what the different parts of our bodies can do!
Not-a-Nursery Rhyme: All Together Now (The Beatles) Change lyrics as you need to, ie: "I can tuck myself in bed!"	Find ways to incorporate songs that aren't traditionally seen as "Kid Music": on one hand, you can be more engaged because these are already songs you like: on the other hand, we can honour the music that our kids love the most. It doesn't really matter WHAT you're singing, only THAT you're singing.
Snack Rhyme: I Like to Eat Apples and Bananas A,E,I,O,U	Transitions can be tricky, but building songs and rhymes into our routines goes a long way towards managing expectations. This one allows us to experiment with the vowel sounds of the English Language. Start with one or two verses and build up to all five (Y doesn't have it's own phonetic sound, it borrows from I or E)
Call Back: Hey Diddle Diddle	Traditional songs and rhymes are full of "Rare Words" – words we don't hear every day but should still be exposed to!
ORAL STORY	The Big, Wide-Mouthed Frog
Standing Song: L is for Llama	Rhymes that isolate certain letter combinations from the alphabet reinforce the idea that they are separate entities. Has anyone heard of the letter "elemeno" before? This goes a long way to fixing that!
Circle Song: Green Means Go!	This is one of those activities that is endlessly fun, so you can continually build on it. The first time you use it, only say the words, the next time, add images of the colours. Eventually you can add the printed word itself without even saying it aloud -- at a young age, kids aren't really "reading", just associating the word as a symbol. However, it does emphasize the concept that words are important in our lives, and reading them means we can operate in the wider world!
Circle Song: Yankee Doodle	You will have so much fun watching kids experiment with language during this song as they pick different actions. This "Active Song" also increases their physical literacy, getting them huffing and puffing, strengthening their diaphragms, and making the work of learning into play!
Sitting Song: A is for Alligator	Using the signs for these letters also highlights that they are signifiers – it's easy for kids to learn signs: it's more kinesthetic – but it's only a small jump from there to learn how to write those letters!
Fingerplay: Two Little Dickie Birds	Always remember to settle down after big active songs. Rhymes like this strengthen our pincer grips, but also teach us about concepts like opposites!