



2010 SHCPS Big Summer Read

Going Into KINDERGARTEN Nursery Rhymes and Bedtime Stories

*"The more that you read,
the more things you will
know. The more you
learn, the more places
you'll go."
— Dr. Seuss*

A **NURSERY RHYME** is a short, rhymed poem or tale for children. Nursery rhymes, songs, poetry and children's **BEDTIME STORIES** help children learn more about how words and our language system work. Rhymes are also much easier for a child to remember, and what's more they lend themselves to being read aloud from parent to child (and hopefully at a certain point from child to parent). This interaction is a critical component in fostering literacy. As parents we need to read to our children more. A lot of problems come from children not knowing rhymes, the bread-and-butter of traditional early children's literature. Listening comprehension precedes reading comprehension. In order for a child to understand what they are reading, they have to be able to hear the language first. A lot of the traditional rhymes, such as 'Jack and Jill' and 'Humpty Dumpty,' are repetitious and allow us to memorize basic structures and patterns in the English language, then put it together. Research shows children learn more in their first eight years than they do in the rest of their lives. This is a powerful time to teach them to be readers and writers.

So please READ TO your child EACH night! Thank you ☺

Worcester Public Library owns a LARGE COLLECTION of Nursery rhymes and children's books perfect for bedtime reading, ask at the desk in the children's section. Borrow books from the public library at no cost and continue reading all summer long!

Books in the Worcester Public Library

- Row, Row, Row Your Boat by Iza Trapani
- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star by Iza Trapani
- To Market, To Market by Anne Miranda
- I Will Surprise My Friend Knuffle Bunny Too by Mo Willem
- Miss Mary Mack by Mary Ann Hoberman
- Chester's Way Kevin Henkes
- Lily's Purple Plastic Purse by Mo Willem
- There Was An Old Woman Who Swallowed A Fly by Simms Taback
- George and Martha Stories by James Marshall
- Mr. Putter & Tabby (series) by Cynthia Rylant
- Mother Goose Numbers on the Loose by Leo Dillon
- And The Dish Ran Away With The Spoon by Janet Stevens
- How Do Dinosaurs Go To School? By Jane Yolen
- Fire! Fire! Said Mrs. McGuire by Bill Martin
- This Is The House That Jack Built by Simms Taback

More titles Your Child Will Enjoy

- Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear! by Annie Kubler (sing this popular rhyme)
- Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino (Rhyming riddles and a guessing game)
- James Marshall's Mother Goose (Favorite rhymes to enjoy)
- Unloveable by Dan Yaccarino (A pug finds a new friend)
- !Muu, Moo! Rimas de Animales/Animal Nursery Rhymes by Alma Flor Ada & F. Isabel Campoy
- Diddle, Diddle, Dumpling by Tracey Pearson
- Hickory Dickory Dock by James Marshall
- Pio Peep! Traditional Spanish Nursery Rhymes by Alma Flor Ada & Isabel Campoy
- Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young by Jack Prelutsky

ANY Nursery Rhyme, Picture or Bedtime Story Book

