

Rhymers will be readers: Ten reasons to rhyme and sing with your child!

1. Rhymers will be readers, as rhyming teaches your child to listen to the sounds that words are made of, *and* prepares you child's brain for reading!
2. What rhymes or songs did your grandmother say? Pass them on to your child!
3. Sing and play rhyming games in your first language.
4. Rhymes and songs can comfort an upset child.
5. By having fun with songs and rhymes your child will learn new words!
6. Rhyming and singing helps your child to learn to listen and concentrate; skills needed for success in school.
7. Rhymes and songs are an easy way to introduce a second or third language.
8. Play with words while driving in the car or waiting for the doctor: ice, rice, nice, spice, lice!
9. Sharing songs, rhymes, and poetry helps strengthens the bond between and you and your child.
10. Visit your library for books, tapes, and cds for songs and rhymes.

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