

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 your child's brain for reading!
2. What rhymes or songs did your grandmother say? Pass them on to your child! This evokes an understanding and love for culture and family ties
3. Encourage home language skills: sing and play rhyming games in your first language.
4. Rhymes and songs can comfort an upset child.
5. Expand a child's vocabulary: by having fun with songs and rhymes your child will learn new words!
6. Rhyming and singing helps your child 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. Songs and rhymes can help get through difficult transitions throughout the day. Sing a song while cleaning up and it makes cleaning up time a new and fun experience!
9. A child builds self esteem and confidence when they are successful in learning and singing a new song/rhyme. Encourage your child to share songs/rhymes with family members or maybe teach a song/rhyme to a younger child
9. Busy with a household chore? Singing a song or rhyme can capture a child's attention long enough to get something done around the house.

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