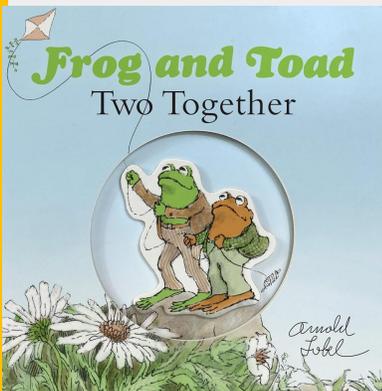
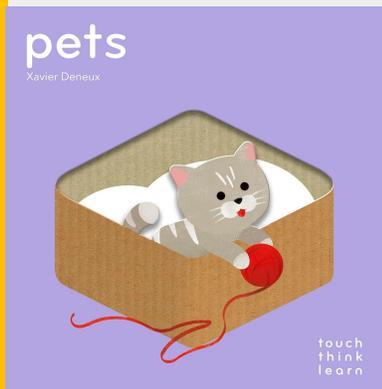
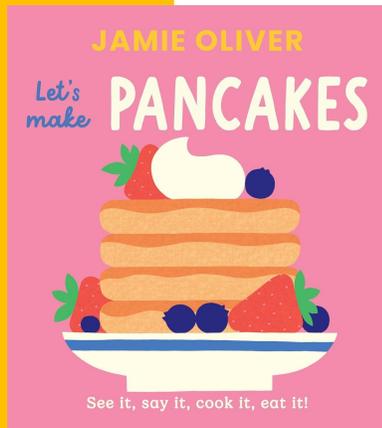


RHYMES & SONGS

Early Literacy Tips, Rhymes, Songs & More

Baby Time - Spring 2026



Roll, Roll, Sugar Babies

Roll, roll, sugar babies,
Roll, roll, sugar babies,
(roll baby's hands over each other)
Push,
(gently push baby's arms/lean forward)
And pull,
(gently pull baby's arms)
And clap, clap, clap!
(clap)
Up and down,
And clap, clap, clap.
Roll up high,
(roll above head)
And roll down low,
(roll toward floor)
Roll real fast,
(circle hands fast)
And roll real slow.
(circle hands slowly)

Swing Me Over the Ocean

(Tune: My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean)

(caregivers can stand to swing from side to side, or rock baby while sitting)

Swi-ing me over the ocean,
Swi-ing me over the sea.
Swi-ing me over the garden,
And have me home for tea.
(hug)

Bright Sun

(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Bright sun shining down,
(circle arms over head)
Shining on the ground.
(rain fingers down)
What a lovely face you have,
(pointer fingers to cheeks)
Yellow, big, and round.
(circle arms over head)

Two Little Ducklings

(Tune: Hush, Little Baby)

Two little ducklings safe in their nest,
(make a nest with your hands)
One was awake and the other at rest.
(lay one hand flat and raise the other)
One fell asleep and the other did too,
(put hands together)
And they slept and they slept the whole night through.
(put hands near head like you are sleeping)



tales' tip

Even though young children do not understand the meanings of the rhymes, it is important for them to hear them. By six months, babies are already able to recognize the sounds of the languages that you use when you **TALK** with them. Talking with your babies makes their brains more efficient in processing and learning the languages they hear. You are helping them get ready to read.

Storytimes for Everyone! book

Read Sing Play Talk Write

music

You Are My Sunshine
by Christina Perri

Songs for Carmella:
Lullabies & Sing-a-Longs
[CD at BCPL](#) or on [YouTube](#)



activity

Tell your child they can help you make music anytime and anywhere! Find some items to tap on while singing your child's favorite song, and encourage them to sing and tap along with you. Use pots and pans to strike with spoons; use items that rattle, jingle, or crinkle. Your child learns that making music is a fun way to play, and this helps their brain and body grow as they learn how to compare sounds. (adapted from KY [Family Guide](#))

Crunch, Crunch

(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

(caregivers should place babies on their laps, preferably facing you)

Crunch, Crunch,
Crunch-Crunch-Crunch,
(bounce)
Up the hill we go.
(lift baby up)
Sliding, sliding,
Sliding, sliding,
(rock from side to side)
Down the hill we go.

Snowflakes

(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Snowflakes, snowflakes, dance around,
Snowflakes, snowflakes, touch the ground.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, in the air,
Snowflakes, snowflakes, everywhere.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, dance around,
Snowflakes, snowflakes, touch the ground.

Snowflakes, snowflakes, twirl around,
Snowflakes, snowflakes, touch the ground.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, on my nose,
Snowflakes, snowflakes, on my toes.
Snowflakes, snowflakes, twirl around,
Snowflakes, snowflakes, touch the ground.

I See the Moon

(Tune: Hush, Little Baby)

I see the moon and the moon sees me,
(circle arms above head)
Down through the leaves of the old oak tree.
(rain fingers down)
Please let the moon that shines on me,
(circle arms above head)
Shine on the ones I love.
(cross arms over chest)

Over the mountain,
Over the sea,
(wave motions)
Back where my heart is longing to be.
(cross arms over chest)
Please let the moon that shines on me,
(circle arms above head)
Shine on the ones I love.
(cross arms over chest)

