



With a song poster, children can sing the lyrics to a song, such as "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes", while reading along on the chart.

Supplies

- ★ Poster board or butcher paper
- ★ Marker
- ★ Index cards
- ★ Song lyrics

Song Posters

Skills Learned: Motor skills, Language / Literacy Skills

Directions

"Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes"

Head and shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes,
Head and shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes,
And eyes and ears and mouth and nose,
Head and shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes.

- 1 On a sheet of poster board, use a marker to clearly print the lyrics to a familiar song.
- 2 Post the song chart where the children can easily see it.
- 3 First sing the song with the children without using the chart.
- 4 Then introduce the song chart. Hold up the index card with the word "head" written on it. Who knows what this says? Ask who can find the word on the chart. Repeat this with other words.
- 5 Tell the children that this time you are going to read and sing the song together! Point to the words as you sing along.
- 6 Sing the song together again. This time ask the children to tap the appropriate body part as they read and sing.
- 7 Then repeat the song, going faster with every subsequent repetition!
- 8 Leave the chart up with the index cards close by. Encourage kids to match the cards to the chart during a "choice" time.

Tips for Mixed Ages: Toddlers will enjoy hearing the song and "dancing" to it. (Be sure to join them!) 3's will enjoy singing and tapping body parts according to their developmental abilities. 4's and 5's can be introduced to the chart. Some will be able to find some of the words, others will not. This is a good pre-reading activity for 4's and up.

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