Rhyming for Reading
Literacy Skills / Concept of Word

Materials

1. A simple rhyme or poem written on chart paper

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Procedure

1. Teach children the words to the poem. It is best to use poems with four lines. Please do not use any of the poems used for the PALS COW tasks.

2. Model for the children how to point to the words as they read. Invite children to try tracking the words as they chant the words.

3. Smaller copies of the poem can be sent home with the children and/or kept in a class book.

4. From repeated opportunities, teachers can easily monitor the children's developing concept of word based on vague sweeps from left to right, ability to self-correct, and the careful matching of speech to print.