



Introduction

One of the most important skills in early reading development is the recognition of patterns. The power of word patterns is clear: when a student recognizes a word pattern, such as a word-family member, it is the key that unlocks sight recognition for an entire group of words. One of the best ways to start students on this road to reading mastery is to work with rhyming words. And the big advantage of rhyming words? They're fun! Attuning students to rhyming sounds prepares them for reading in an enjoyable way.

This book offers groups of fun rhymes that connect with other lessons in the classroom: animals, Mother Goose, weather, colors, and special days rhymes. Different types of activities lend variety to the rhyming fun. Act-it-out poems and play/skits bring action and movement to the rhymes. Flannel-board rhymes and stick-puppet rhymes double as story-time events. Choral chants let students connect rhymes with familiar tunes. Finger plays and minibooks create quieter activity times, while still offering rhyming fun! You will also find follow-up activities that extend word-family learning or connect with other curriculum areas. Use this book to help your students start a lifelong love of words and reading.

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