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Introduction: Welcome everyone to Ready, Set, Kindergarten! week two. Does anyone remember what we talked about last week? Did anyone practice what they learned by going on a color hunt or playing I Spy together?

To the adults (optional if you think you need to explain the program again): Over the next six weeks, we will be teaching you easy ways to help get your child ready for Kindergarten while still having fun, sharing stories and singing songs. During each session we will be focusing on a different readiness skill and also introducing skills that your child will need in Kindergarten like learning to sit and listen, raising hands to ask questions, and working together with classmates.

Let me now give you a quick overview of what you can expect in each session. I will be sharing books, songs, rhymes, and activities with the kids throughout each session much like in a traditional library storytime. It is important that you, the grownups, stay engaged throughout because these sessions are just as much for you as they are for your kids and I will be giving you tips throughout. So I hope that you are here to learn and have fun too! At the end of each session, each kid will get a free book to take home and keep. Sound good?

Welcome song: "Talk, sing, read, write, play"

To the adults: Today we are going to highlight the early literacy practice of **SINGING**. Singing and chanting rhymes with your children helps slow down language so children can hear the sounds that make up words. This will help your child when they start reading on their own and sounding out words. We are also going to share some poetry!

Song: Name song

(name of child) is here today.
(name of child) is here today.
Let's all shout "Hooray!"
(name of child is here today.)

Song Book : Old Mikamba Had a Farm by Rachel Isadora (**Alternative book: If You're A Monster and You Know It, by** Rebecca Emberly)

To the adults: Some books are illustrated songs! You can sing or rhyme along! Many songs repeat lyrics and words which helps kids to learn new vocabulary. Here is one example (show Five Little Ducks by Denise Fleming)

Rhyme (use book or flannel): Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mama duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack,"
but only four little ducks came back...

Four little ducks went out one day,
Over the hills and far away

Mama duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack,"
but only three little ducks came back...

Three little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mama duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack,"
but only two little ducks came back...

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Over the hills and far away
Mama duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack,"
but only one little duck came back...

One little duck went out one day
Over the hills and far away

Mama duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack,"
but no little ducks came back...

No little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away
Mama duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack,"
and all five ducks came back.

To the adults: *Find a Rhyming Book!* Many picture books rhyme. Rhyming books help develop children's vocabulary, and their awareness of the sounds words make. The **repetition** in rhymes also helps children learn and retain new words.

Book: *La Princesa and the Pea*, by Susan Middleton Elya
(Alternative book: Little Blue Truck By Alice Schertle)

Action Song: Wheels on the Bus (with scarves)

The wheels on the bus go round and round,
Round and round, round and round,
The wheels on the bus go round and round,
All through the town.

The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish,
swish, swish, swish, swish, swish, swish
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish,
All through the town.

The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep,
beep, beep, beep, beep, beep
The horn on the bus goes beep, beep, beep,
All through the town.

The doors on the bus go open and shut,
open and shut, open and shut
The doors on the bus go open and shut,
All through the town.

The driver on the bus says move on back
move on back, move on back
The driver on the bus says move on back
All through the town.

The people on the bus go up and down,
up and down, up and down,
The people on the bus go up and down
All through the town.

The babies on the bus go wah, wah, wah
wah, wah wah, wah, wah, wah
The babies on the bus go wah, wah, wah
All through the town.

The mommies and daddies on the bus say
"I love you! I love you! I love you!"
The mommies and daddies on the bus say
"I love you!" All through the town.

To the adults: Kids learn when they are active! They can learn concepts like colors and new vocabulary while being actively engaged in singing and dancing like we just were!

Rhyme: Two Little Blackbirds

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill.
One named Jack and one named Jill.
Fly away Jack, flay away Jill.
Come back Jack, come back Jill.

Two little blackbirds flying in the sky.
One named Low and one named High...

Two little backbirds sitting on a pole.
One named Fast and one named Slow...
Two little blackbirds sitting on a gate...
One named Early and one named Late...
Sitting on the ice, 1 was mean, the other was nice...

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Sitting on a gate... 1 was wobbly and the other
was straight...

Sitting on a lilly, 1 was serious, the other was
silly...

Sitting on a mop, 1 named bottom, one named
top...

Sitting on a car... 1 named near, one named far
Sitting on a cloud... 1 named quiet, one named
loud

Picture Book to Sing: *Spunky Little Monkey*, by Bill Martin Jr.
(Alternative book: *Row Row Row Your Boat* by Jane Cabrera)

Action Song: I'm A Little Teapot

I'm a Little Teapot, Short and Stout
Here is my handle, here is my spout
When I get all steamed up, hear me shout
"Just tip me over and pour me out."

To the adults: Don't forget to share poetry or nursery rhymes with your children. The library has a lot of great collections of poetry and rhymes for you to check out. Through poetry and rhymes, your child will develop rhyming skills, learn new vocabulary words, and have fun!

Picture Book: *The Neighborhood Mother Goose* by Nina Crews

(Alternative book: *Marc Brown's Playtime Rhymes: A Treasure for Families to Learn and Play Together*) –If you don't have time to read these just show them as examples

To the adults: Today we talked about the early literacy practice of **SINGING**, and we sang and chanted rhymes. You can sing and chant with your child at home, too. If you have trouble remembering the words, or are bored with the songs you know, your library is a great resource for music CDs for children. And have fun!

Closing song: Wave your knees

Craft Activity: Egg shakers **HANDOUT EVALUATIONS**

Hand-out pre-filled egg shakers. Masking tape and sharpies can be used to decorate their instrument to their liking. At the end, encourage them to use their maraca to sound out their name, breaking names down into syllables.

You'll need:

-20 pre-filled plastic eggs, filled with a
teaspoon of rice

-sharpies

-masking tape

Rhythmic Song: *If You're Happy and You Know it Give a Shake*
[\(learn it on on JBrary\)](#)

If you're happy and you know it, give a shake
If you're happy and you know it, give a shake
If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it
If you're happy and you know it, give a shake

Verses: Give a tap, clap your hands

Giveaway Book: *Old Mikamba Had a Farm*