## Rhymers Are Readers: The Importance of Nursery Rhymes

## Learning Triangle Activity Sheet



Make book illustrations into flannel board pieces for dramatic play, or dress up and act out some favorite nursery rhymes.

Songs and rhymes for young children have been passed down for generations. They are fun, children love them, and they provide a warm, nurturing experience between parent and child. What we may not be aware of as we recite simple nursery rhymes or sing songs with children is their enormous educational value.

"Experts in literacy and child development have discovered that if children know eight nursery rhymes by heart by the time they're four years old, they're usually among the best readers by the time they're eight." [Fox, M. (2001). *Reading Magic.* San Diego, CA: Harcourt.]