

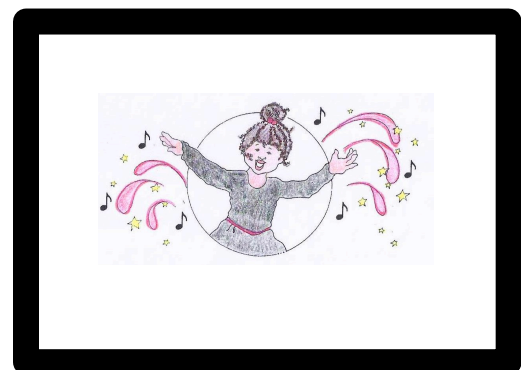
# Build A Love of Literacy Through Song Picture Books: Develop Oral Language and Reading Fluency Simultaneously




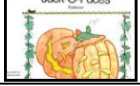
We begin the year sharing several Nellie Edge Read and Sing Big Books™ every morning. I Can Read Colors, I Have a Cat, I Love the Mountains, Mary Wore Her Red Dress, The More We Get Together, Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, The Opposite Song, and Goodnight Irene have become favorites. The accompanying "little books" and "guided reading books" are used for large group shared reading and are taken home for family literacy as a part of our Read and Sing Book Club. Children are soon able to move from "magical memory reading" with fluency and delight to reading with confidence and word-for-word accuracy. For many children, these song picture Big Books became their touchstone: An affirmation of "I can read!" That was the case with Amada who all year long read and sang ♪ Irene Goodnight... Her beautiful singing and love of the book often drew a circle of classmates around to join her.

Song picture books are used for guided reading and they make up our first "Family Reading Book Club." We differentiate early literacy instruction by building oral language and reading fluency simultaneously and involving families in the process.

By November our children are eager to participate in The Read and Sing Book Club, taking a new book home each week.



Book Bin Label Available on Writing-to-Read Accelerates Literacy CD

Please read and sing this book with me!		I can read and sing this book!	
	I Can Read Colors		Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
	I Love the Mountains		Oh, A-Hunting We Will Go
	I Can Spell Cat		Down on Grandpa's Farm
	I Have A Cat		The More We Get Together
	Jack-O-Faces		Goodnight Irene
	Miss Mary Mack		The Opposite Song
	Mary Wore Her Red Dress		Five Little Speckled Frogs

Please read and sing each book to two different people and ask for their initials under the book title.  
**Happy Reading and Singing!**