

Opening the Gift Souper!

Slop Goes the Soup: A Noisy Warthog Word Book by Pamela D. Edwards

If It's Snowy and You Know It, Clap Your Paws! by Kim Norman

Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Ehlert

The Little Red Hen by Byron Barton

Rainbow Stew by Patricia Caldwell

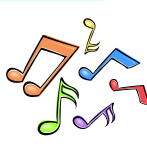
Soup by Cathy Goldberg Fishman

Soup Day by Melissa Iwai



Nursery Rhyme: Pease Porridge Hot

Songs & Fingerplays to Share

CD: "The Sharing Song" from *Singable Songs for the Very Young* by Raffi 

This is the Way We Make the Bread

(tune: *The Mulberry Bush*)

This is the way we *mix* the dough,
Mix the dough, *mix* the dough.
This is the way we *mix* the dough,
To make the bread for you!

continue with:

knead, shape, bake
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Chop Chop

Chop, chop, choppity-chop!
Chop off the bottom and chop off the top.
What we have left goes into the pot.
Chop, chop, choppity-chop!
traditional Australian rhyme



Vegetable Soup Song (tune: *The Farmer in the Dell*)

The soup is boiling up,
The soup is boiling up,
Stir slow—around we go
The soup is boiling up.

First we add the broth,
First we add the broth,
Stir slow—around we go
The soup is boiling up.

Next we add some carrots,
Next we add some carrots,
Stir slow—around we go
The soup is boiling up

Repeat with:
*peppers, turnips, potatoes, tomatoes, or
any vegetable you can think of!*
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This is the Way We Make the Soup

(tune: *The Mulberry Bush*)

This is the way we *wash* our vegetables,
Wash our vegetables, *wash* our vegetables.
This is the way we *wash* our vegetables,
When we make our soup!

Continue with:

peel, chop, add, stir, serve, eat
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Bubble, Bubble

Bubble bubble said the kettle;
Bubble bubble said the pot.
Bubble bubble bubble bubble.
We are getting hot!

Shall I take you off the fire?
No, you need not trouble.
This is just the way we talk:
Bubble bubble bubble.

Your next visit will be: March _____

Next month's theme will be: "I See a Rainbow"





More Books to Share:

Frozen Noses by Jan Carr
Chicken Soup by Jean Van Leeuwen
Zoopa: An Animal Alphabet by Gianna Marino
Winter is the Warmest Season by Lauren Stringer
Elephant Soup by Ingrid & Dieter Schubert
Surprise Soup by Mary Ann Rodman
Stone Soup by Ann McGovern

Activity Ideas:

Alphabet Soup: Provide each child with a sturdy paper plate with a deep rim (such as Chinet®). Instruct them to paint the inside of their "bowls" with red paint—try not to slosh it on the rim! Once the paint dries, provide alphabet stamps and tan paint. Encourage the children to name the letters as they stamp them into their bowls. Older children may wish to spell out words or their names.

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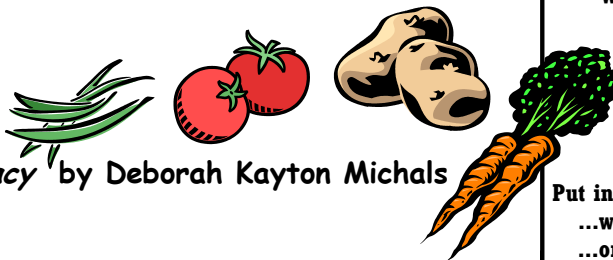
Bakery Match: In advance, print out color pictures of different types of bread; make two of each type. Laminate for durability. The children match and name each of the different types: muffins, pretzel, tortilla, pita, loaf, croissant, bagel, etc.

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Rainbow Stew: At circle time, the children pretend they are vegetables, based upon the color they are wearing! Repeat the rhyme, and as their vegetable color is called, children go to the center of the circle. Repeat until everyone is in the pot.

Book of the Month:

Up, Down, Move Around: Math and Literacy by Deborah Kayton Michals
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Rainbow Stew

Rainbow Stew, Rainbow Stew,
 Try a spoonful, maybe two!
 What goes into Rainbow Stew?

Put in green beans,
 Put in green beans,
 Put in green beans.
 Put them in the pot.

Put in red tomatoes ... and stir the pot!
 ...white potatoes...and stir the pot!
 ...orange carrots...and stir the pot!

"Young children learn best when they connect physical activity with learning!

Up, Down, Move Around is packed with fun, simple math and literacy activities that will have children jumping, shaking, rolling, dancing, and clapping as they learn! From the Syllable Freeze Dance to the Math Orchestra, children ages 3 to 6 will actively explore letters and numbers as they develop number sense, practice counting and rhyming, and learn about letter shapes and story structure. No special materials, extra space, or props are required. The exercises can be done as 5 to 10 minute enrichment activities with large and small groups, in circle time, or as transitions, to fulfill the 60 minutes of structured physical activity recommended in national guidelines for preschoolers."

Road to Reading Tip:

Music can be fun for children and adults of all ages. But did you know it could also be a learning experience? Singing rhyming songs and chants helps young children, especially those from ages 3 to 5, learn the patterns of language. The actual rhymes help children focus on the sounds within the words. Both help children get ready to read.

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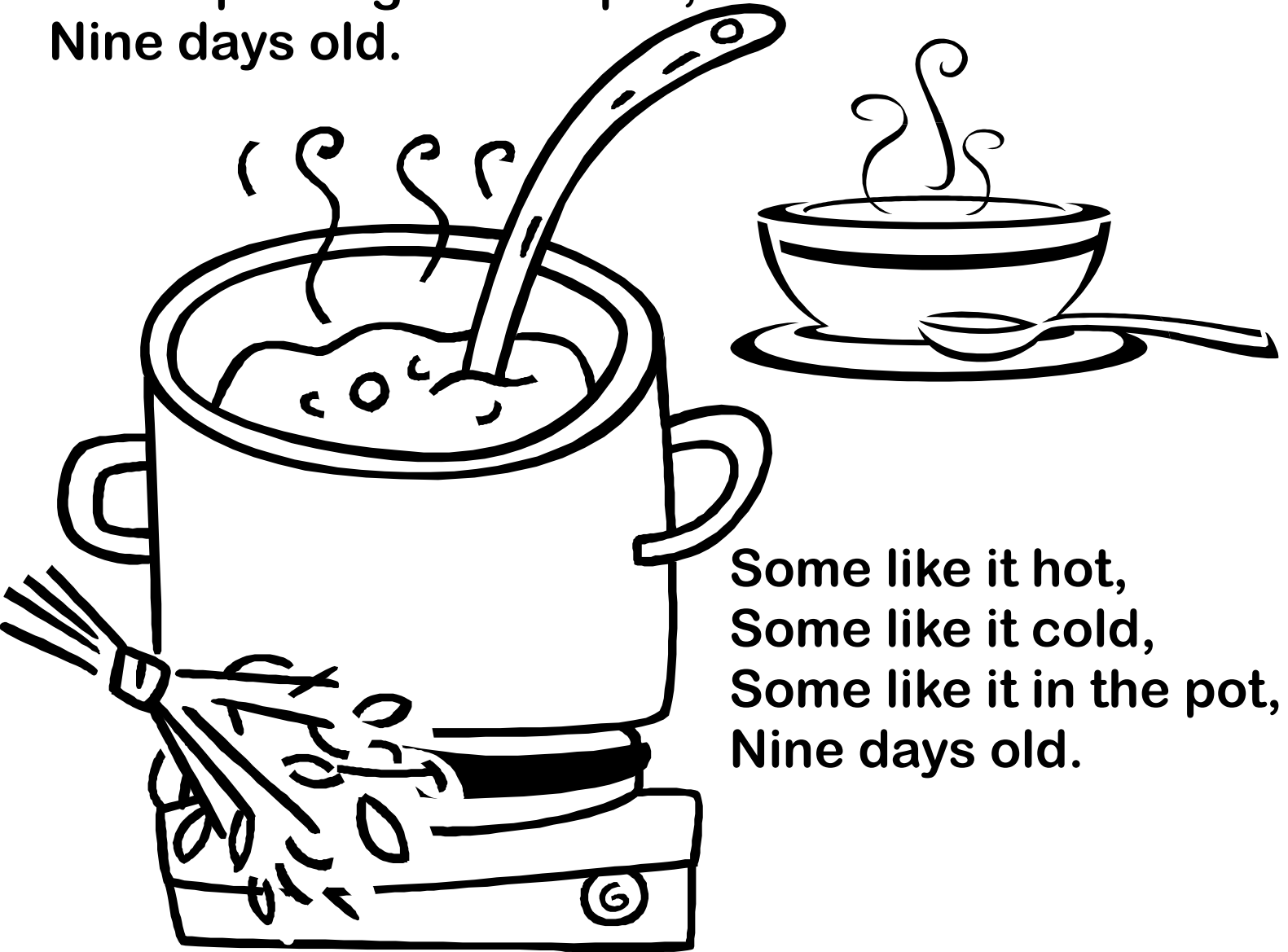
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Pease porridge hot,
Pease porridge cold,
Pease porridge in the pot,
Nine days old.



Some like it hot,
Some like it cold,
Some like it in the pot,
Nine days old.

EARLY LITERACY EXTRA! (PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS) Rhyming is one way that children learn to hear that words are made up of smaller parts. By doing rhymes with them, you are supporting phonological awareness. This skill helps them when they later try to sound out words to read. And it's fun too.

Encourage your child to draw a circle around the words that rhyme. Draw a line under the *parts* of the words that rhyme, pointing out that the words begin with different letters but end the same. As you help your child identify other rhyming words, remember that *recognizing* words that rhyme is easier than *producing* them. For instance, it is easier for a child to respond to, "Does *fun* rhyme with *hot*?" than for a child to respond to, "What rhymes with hot?"