# HCPL Preschool Traveling Library: Opening the Gift



## Songs and Fingerplays

**Snowflakes, Snowflakes** 

Source: stepbystep.com [tune : Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star] Snowflakes, snowflakes, dance around, Snowflakes, snowflakes, touch the ground. Snowflakes, snowflakes, in the air. Snowflakes, snowflakes, everywhere. Snowflakes, snowflakes, dance around. Snowflakes, snowflakes, touch the ground.

#### **Twinkle Twinkle Little Lights**

[tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star] Twinkle, twinkle, little lights, Lighting up the winter nights. Red & yellow, Orange & blue. Making such a lovely view.

Twinkle, twinkle, little lights, Lighting up the winter nights. Green & purple, Pink & white. In the darkness, glowing bright.

Twinkle, twinkle, little lights, Lighting up the winter nights.

#### Jingle Jingle Little Bell

source: preschooleducation.com [tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star] Jingle, jingle, little bell. I can ring my little bell. Ring it high, Ring it low. Ring it fast. Ring it slow. Jingle, jingle, little bell. I can ring my little bell. Jingle, jingle little bell. I can ring my little bell. Ring it left. Ring it right. Even ring it Out of sight. Jingle, jingle, little bell. I can ring my little bell.

## **Theme: Merry Music**

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## **Books to Share**



Let's dash through the snow and listen to the jingling bells! Jingle-Jingle will take us on an exciting sleigh ride with the farmyard animals while We Want Snow! A Wintry Chant will have anticipating those first us flakes and imagining all the fun to be had. We'll sing about the festive lights that brighten up winter nights, then Raffi will remind us, with his version of *This Little Light of Mine* to let our own lights shine. There is so much to celebrate this time of year as we ring out the old year and ring in the new!

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*Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* by Jane Cabrera *Baking Day at Grandma's* by Anika Denise *Walking in a Winter Wonderland* illustrated by Tim Hopgood *This Little Light of Mine* by Raffi *Jingle –Jingle* by Nicola Smee *We Want Snow! A Wintry Chant* by Jamie A. Swenson

### Nursery Rhyme: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

**Music:** "Oh Children Ring Your Bells" from *I Love To Hear the Sounds* by Kathy Reid-Naiman

> Looking for more book ideas? Check these out!



Next month's theme will be Souper!



## Book of the Month from the Parent Teacher Collection

Cardboard Creations for Kids : 50 Fun and Inventive Crafts Using Recycled Materials by Kathryn Ho PTC 745.54 H

At last, a genius way for you to put all that cardboard lying around the house to good use! Mailing boxes, paper towel rolls, cereal cartons, and more can be transformed into a range of crafts, toys, and games that guarantee hours of fun, imaginative playtime. With all of Kathry-n's best tips and tricks for sourcing, upcycling, and handling cardboard, plus a wide range of inventive projects, this collection is your go-to guide for easy, eco-friendly ways to transform cardboard into crafty creations your kids will love

## Try a Fun Activity



**Jingle Search:** This bottle is sure to be a popular attraction in your discovery center! Place cotton balls or pom-poms (snowballs) in an empty plastic soda bottle along with jingle bells. Attach the lid and then secure it with packing tape or hot glue. Place the bottle at a center with a magnetic wand. A child moves the wand along the outside of the bottle to make the jingle bells move through the snow! What a fun way to explore magnets while developing fine-motor skills!

https://www.themailbox.com/magazines/winter-center-exploringmagnets-developing-fine-motor-skills/jingle-search

# Every CHILD Ready to READ

#### **Phonological Awareness**

Singing isn't the only way to build phonological awareness skills; chanting games ("Who Stole the Cookies from the Cookie Jar?"), clapping games ("Miss Mary Mack,"), and rhyming games ("Down By the Bay,") all contribute to this as well, by highlighting the rhythms and sounds of oral language, and involving the whole body. Colorado Library for Early Literacy



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#### More Rhymes

**Bake Some Cookies** 

Source: Step Into Storytimes by S. Ghoting [tune: If You're Happy and You Know It]

If you're going to bake some cookies, use your ears. If you're going to bake some cookies, use vour ears. Hear the mixer mix the dough, Is it fast or is it slow? If you're going to bake some cookies, use your ears.

If you're going to bake some cookies, use your hands.

If you're going to bake some cookies, use your hands.

Roll the dough out smooth and flat,

With your hands give it a pat.

If you're going to bake some cookies, use your hands.

If you're going to bake some cookies, use your nose. If you're going to bake some cookies, use

your nose.

Smelling cookies bake is fun!

Your nose will tell you when they're done! If you're going to bake some cookies, use your nose.

If you're going to bake some cookies, use your eyes.

If you're going to bake some cookies, use your eyes.

Choose the frosting that's just right,

Make them such a pretty sight! If you're going to bake some cookies, use your eyes.

If you're going to bake some cookies, use your mouth.

If you're going to bake some cookies, use your mouth.

Eat the cookies when they're through,

Do they taste YUMMY to you?

If you're going to bake some cookies, use your mouth.

#### **Bells Are Ringing**

[tune: Frere Jacques] Bells are ringing. People singing. New Year's here. New Year's here. Happy, Happy New Year. Happy, Happy New Year. Let's all cheer. New Year's here!