



Hello...and welcome to the Fall 2004 Edition of E-News from Mother Goose, a.k.a. Jane Kitson.

I am certain your children are excited about starting brand new school year. It is always a challenge as we grow together to become a family unit and learn how we can best work together. Use the fact that you may have likes and dislikes that are not always the same to your advantage. It is easy to start with colors, as most of you children are able to recognize their basic colors. Make each child a yarn necklace with a circle Cut out of their favorite color. These may not be the same every day! pass a basket full of the circle necklaces and ask each child to put theirs on. Go around the circle allowing each child to introduce themselves and say their favorite color, as they put their necklace around their neck. Then, choose one child to go first. each person puts their in the back. The child going first will go around the circle and introduce themselves:

"I am Larry and I like blue...you are Karen and you like blue too!" trying to guess and remember both the name and the colors. After the children have found those who like the same color, play the game again trying to name their friends and guess the different color. Model this as teacher 1st.

FRIEND SONG:

I have a friend at school...
I have a friend at school...
I have a friend at school...
Who do you think (he) is?
Clue: He's wearing blue sox

I have a friend at school...
I have a friend at school...
I have a friend at school...
Who do you think (she) is?
Clue: Her belt is red
Tune: GO ROUND AND ROUND THE VILLAGE

Don't forget this easy bus Song to remind your children of important safety rules:

The rules on the bus are
Stay in your seat
Stay in your seat
Stay in your seat
The rules on the bus are
Stay in your seat
All the way to school!
(You know the tune right?)

***Inside Voice
***Hands to yourself
***Sit with a friend

Why not use the bus above to Line the bottom row of a sheet of paper for each child. Let them draw themselves And a picture of a rule they Remember when riding this bus A great class book!

Wiggles are always a BIG part of early childhood. Try this interactive wiggle song to get the children to move and also use their auditory processing skills, while remembering their body parts too!

PAT YOUR SHOULDERS
PAT YOUR KNEES...
CLAP YOUR HANDS
AND STOMP YOUR FEET!
SPIN AROUND...
PAT YOUR SHOULDERS
PAT YOUR KNEES...
CLAP YOUR HANDS
AND STOMP YOUR FEET!
SPIN AROUND...
IT'S SUCH A LOVELY DAY
AND I AM SO GLAD TO SEE YOU
YOUR FRIENDS ARE ALL AROUND
YOU, THERE ARE
LOTS OF THINGS TO DO!
PAT YOUR SHOULDER
PAT YOUR KNEES...
CLAP YOUR HANDS
AND STOMP YOUR FEET!
SIT RIGHT DOWN!
Tune: Skidda Marink
A dink a dink
Skidda Marink
A do...I love you!



Fire safety is another topic to discuss in the fall. I always enjoy my unit on Community Helpers and Explain the important job of the firefighters. This past January, I asked several children to tell me where they should go if their house was ever on fire. I received dozens of:

STOP DROP AND ROLL

But no child could tell me where they should go...outside.

To my dismay, one three year old told me she was going to hide under her bed...whew!!!

Please take a moment to talk about places where families could meet if they need to run outside quickly during a fire:

A swing set, A neighbor's front porch, the mailbox, a shed in their back yard...

It helps to bring in pictures of these places for a visual clue. Additionally, you will need to send a note home to your parents reminding them to pick a designated safe place for their family to meet in the unfortunate case of a fire. THIS MUST BE PRACTICED REGULARLY...PERHAPS PICK A DAY OF THE MONTH SUCH AS THE 13TH AND REMIND THE ENTIRE FAMILY WHAT TO DO AND WHERE TO GO. Some adults are skeptical about making their children fearful but DARK+FIRE+FEAR= DANGER.

Here is a little song that can be sung in your class and at home:

IF THERE'S A FIRE AT YOUR HOUSE YOU GO OUTSIDE!

(point outside)

YOU SHOULD NEVER EVER LOOK FOR THINGS

(hands above eyes)

OR HIDE.

(hands cover eyes)

ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE TO GO...

(nod your head)

MAKE SURE YOUR FAMILY KNOWS!

(point all around to family)

IF THERE'S A FIRE AT YOUR HOUSE YOU GO OUTSIDE!

(point outside)

Tune:

If you're happy and you know it!

Transitions are sometimes a bit tricky and children often need modeling to move from a stand up to a sit down position:

ALL THE CHILDREN IN THE ROOM...

HAVE SMILES ON THEIR FACES (SHOW SMILE)

THEY CLAP THEIR HANDS...

THEY SPIN AROUND...

AND SIT DOWN

IN THEIR PLACES!

Tune:

All Around the Mulberry Bush

Don't forget to have a little Halloween Fun:

WHEN HALLOWEEN COMES, DON'T LOOK FOR ME...

I'LL BE DRESSED AS A BUMBLEBEE (picture)

WHEN THE AIR IS COOL AND THE LEAVES FALL DOWN...

MY NOSE WIL BE RED, I'LL BE A CLOWN (picture)

WHEN THE PUMPKINS ARE OUT AND THERE'S CANDY TOO (picture)

I MIGHT SCARE YOU WITH A GREAT BIG "BOO"...

Now I'm wondering what you will be...tell me when I count to three....1....2....3....

***A cowboy, a princess, An elephant....etc.

Many of you have admired my green pocket waist apron...this was obtained from my good friend Pat Leonard. She has red, blue and kelly-green decorated waist aprons for \$15 each (including shipping). Why not invest in one for yourself and a friend. You may e-mail her at:

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or just send her a check and put your color preference in the memo box:

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Proverbs 12:25

"Heaviness in the heart of a man makes it stoop... but a good word makes it glad."

SHARE A GOOD WORD !