

Unit K.4: Let's Rhyme and Sing
English as a Second Language
5 weeks of instruction

STAGE 1 – (Desired Results)

Unit Summary:	In this unit, the student uses songs and nursery rhymes as a way of discovering alliteration, syllables, and rhyming to find initial consonants and to learn the alphabet.
Transversal Themes:	Knowledge, Skills and Competencies, Cultural Diversity
Integration Ideas:	Math, Social Studies, Music

Essential Questions (EQ) and Enduring Understandings (EU)

- EQ1.** What knowledge do I bring to school?
EU1. We bring knowledge gained from family and life experiences that teach us to connect with our community and to grow as learners.
- EQ2.** How can I use words to improve my relationship with others?
EU2. When I listen to understand, I can build a better relationship with others.
- EQ3.** Why do we read?
EU3. Reading allows us to grow as humans by developing our ability to use language, to think, and to express ourselves.
- EQ4.** Why do we sing?
EU4. Singing helps us learn new words in a fun way and allows us to connect with each other and with other cultures.
- EQ5.** What makes a good song?
EU5. Songs use rhyming and rhythm to make them memorable.

Transfer (T) and Acquisition (A) Goals

T1. By the end of the unit, the student will be able to identify letters in the alphabet, recognize sounds (phonemes), syllables, and spoken words, and be able to demonstrate basic knowledge of one-to-one letter-sound correspondences in order to develop literacy skills in English.

The student acquires skills to...

- A1.** Use basic aural phonemic awareness strategies to manipulate sounds and syllables.
- A2.** Form the letters of the alphabet.
- A3.** Identify the initial consonant in words.
- A4.** Write his/her first name.

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Puerto Rico Core Standards (PRCS)	
Listening	
K.L.1	Listen and interact with peers and teachers during read-alouds, social interactions, group activities, and informal oral presentations.
K.L.1a	Ask and answer basic instructions and routine questions appropriate to the topic.
K.L.1e	Listen and participate in simple rhymes, songs, chants, etc.
K.L.1f	Discriminate and identify sounds in pronunciation and speech especially those that differ from their first language.
Speaking	
K.S.1	Engage in conversations and relate personal experience or story information by asking and answering simple <i>yes-no</i> and <i>wh-</i> questions using gestures, words, and simple phrases.
K.S.2b	Repeat and respond to chants, poems, songs, and rhymes using phrases, physical movement, etc.
K.S.3	React to conversations, text, and oral presentations orally and using physical actions and other means of nonverbal communication to show comprehension (e.g., to express feelings, opinions, etc.).
K.S.4	Offer opinions about a topic or text using simple single word or short phrase answers with respect and tolerance.
K.S.4a	Produce simple statements or beliefs using sentence starters or language models.
K.S.5	Describe personal experiences and familiar topics, using vocabulary and details appropriate to the situation and filling in gaps in oral English with first language.
Reading	
K.R.5	Recognize common types of texts (e.g., storybooks, poems) and identify the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book.
K.R.6I	Name the author and illustrator of an informational text and define the role of each in presenting the ideas or information.
K.R.6L	Name the author and illustrator of a story and define the role of each in telling the story.
K.R.10	Actively engage in group read-alouds of nursery rhymes, folk tales, and developmentally-appropriate poetry with purpose and understanding.
Reading Foundational Skills	
K.R.FS.11	Recognize sounds (phonemes), syllables, and spoken words.
K.R.FS.11a	Recognize, generate, and produce rhyming words, including nonsense words.
K.R.FS.11b	Identify syllables through actions (e.g., clapping).
K.R.FS.11c	Manipulate sounds and words in shared, guided, and independent activities, such as singing songs or chants or participating in finger plays.

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K.R.FS.12	Know and apply phonics and word analysis skills to decode words.
K.R.FS.12a	Demonstrate basic knowledge of one-to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing the primary sound and consonant sounds.
K.R.FS.13	Recognize the organization and basic features of print.
Writing	
K.W.1	Use a combination of drawing and labeling to express preferences and opinions (e.g., My favorite book is...).
Writing Foundational Skills	
K.W.FS.10	Know and apply phonics and word analysis skills to decode words.
K.W.FS.10a	Write the letters that represent first name.
K.W.FS.10b	Attempt to write letters using print techniques.
Language	
K.LA.1c	Develop phonemic awareness and the alphabetic principle when participating in listening and speaking activities.
K.LA.6	Use words and phrases acquired through conversations and read-alouds.

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			<p>uses a checklist for assessment including whether they could write his/her name and find the syllables in their name.)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student finds sounds in songs in Spanish. This will help the student's transition to recognizing phonemic sounds in English. The teacher asks, "What makes a good song? Is it the rhythm? Instruments? Lyrics"? The student creates his/her own musical instrument or claps along (rain stick, shekere, cajon) to find the beat of his/her favorite song to aid in finding syllables to identify phonemes (see lesson plan link below). If there is a local instrument maker, invite him/her to share his/her craft and give a demonstration. • The teacher uses nursery rhymes and songs as the basis for the student to discover aural phonemic awareness. The teacher reads aloud books that are/have songs (e.g., "Wheels on the Bus" by Raffi, Nursery Rhyme videos and songs) to find words that have common sounds (through rhymes to find the end sound and alliteration to find initial consonants). The teacher uses the following links as a resource for students to become familiar with the rhythm and lyrics of nursery rhymes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I'm a Little Tea Pot http://youtu.be/e69-GO4bYLM ○ Row Row Row Your Boat http://youtu.be/-5RKxqeKL5Q ○ The Wheels on the Bus http://youtu.be/veYcwaNmRmM ○ Twinkle Twinkle Little Star http://youtu.be/yCjJyiqpAuU ○ One, Two, Buckle My Shoe http://youtu.be/OJUi2IP1EIA
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Where is Thumbkin? http://youtu.be/WLR98iCcYOI• The teacher creates posters of songs on chart paper. As the student sings, the teacher can follow along with a tracker to have the student understand how words are separated. If there is a word with two syllables, talk about how the two sounds can make one word.• The student practices with syllables by counting how many times his/her chin goes down (found by putting two fingers under the chin) when repeating words given by the teacher.• The teacher has a center where the student can use the pointer to sing while tracking words (as a discovery, not an assessment at this moment, since the student is just connecting the idea of printed word to sound and is not expected to separate words correctly) as well as having access to small printable books they can “read” by singing the song: http://www.nellieedge.com/free%20little%20books.htm• The student can use his/her musical instrument or clap to find the rhythm and locate sounds in songs. The teacher creates words for the word wall with pictures of the item for each song the teacher teaches (resource: http://www.dtk-teach.com/rhymes/index.htm).
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			<p>and magazines, and find examples of words from the word wall and the individual word list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Step 4: The student includes both the lower case and upper case form of the letter as well as tracing and writing the letter.• Step 5: The teacher makes sure the page includes both the lowercase and uppercase forms of the letter. The student cuts out examples from newspapers and magazines of the letter, and traces and writes the letter as well.		<p>letters to his/her name (connects to the importance of our name from text in Unit K.2, Chrysanthemum)</p> <p>www.teachingheart.net/kevinideasc.html</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The teacher uses the names of the students to create word sorts: find same initial letters, sort by boys and girls.• The teacher uses a word wall developing a collection of words for each initial letter of the alphabet. The teacher begins with the student's name, then adds words from nursery rhymes and songs (e.g., Spider, teapot, London, bridge).• The teacher reads aloud Dr. Seuss' <i>Alphabet Book</i> (see online version at http://youtu.be/k8xq3vVF1pk) to show examples of alliteration and beginning sounds.• The teacher creates pictures of the words the student already knows to do picture word sorts with the initial word sounds (see attachment: K.4 Other Evidence – Picture Sorts). The teacher models the concept of picture sorts using shapes that are familiar to them. http://www.carlscorner.us.com/Sorts/Shapes.pdf The teacher connects this activity to a read aloud of <i>My Very First Book of Shapes</i> by Eric Carle.• The student sorts the pictures using only the initial consonant with the school vocabulary learned. http://www.carlscorner.us.com/Sorts/School%20Nouns%20Concentration%20Game.pdf
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STAGE 3 – (Learning Plan)

Suggested Literature Connections

- **Jose-Luis Orozco**
 - *De Colores and Other Latin American Folksongs for Children (Bilingual songs)*
- **Raffi**
 - *Wheels on the Bus and Shake my Sillies Out*
- **Dan Yaccarino**
 - *Zoom Zoom I'm Off To the Moon*
- **Bill Martin**
 - *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*
- **Dr. Seuss**
 - *Dr. Seuss Alphabet Book*
- **Lois Ehlert**
 - *Eating the Alphabet*
- **Nancy Carlson**
 - *ABC I Like Me*
- **Stephen T. Johnson**
 - *Alphabet City*
- **Eric Carle**
 - *Eric Carle's ABC (The World of Eric Carle)*
- **Eric Carle**
 - *My Very First Book of Shapes*
- **Tana Hoban**
 - *Shapes, Shapes, Shapes*
- **Roseanne Thony**
 - *Round is a Mooncake: A Book of Shapes*
- **Jayne Harvey**
 - *Busy Bugs: A Book About Patterns*
- **Trudy Harris**
 - *Pattern Fish*



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Additional Resources

- Using music to teach literacy: <http://www.songsforteaching.com/lb/literacymusic.htm>
- Tips and worksheets for tracing lowercase and uppercase letters: <http://www.dltk-teach.com/alphabuddies/trace.htm>
- Tons of resources for alphabet recognition: <http://www.mrsalphabet.com/links.html>
- Nursery rhyme words and illustrations for word wall and centers: <http://www.kizclub.com/nursery.htm>
- Different alphabet recognition games and cut outs: <http://www.kizclub.com/activities.htm>

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Performance Tasks

Class Alphabet Scrapbook

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Name Syllables

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Printing Techniques

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Suggested Sample Lessons

- See attachment: K.4 Other Evidence – Picture Sorts
- Nursery rhyme lessons focused on animals (can be used throughout year): http://www.coreknowledge.org/mimik/mimik_uploads/lesson_plans/25/Kinder%20Poems%20and%20Songs.pdf
- Create musical instruments: <http://songsforteaching.com/articles/makingmusicalinstrumentsathome.htm>
- Lessons using *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*: http://curry.virginia.edu/go/wil/Chicka_Lesson.pdf
- Lessons using Dr. Seuss's *ABC's*: http://curry.virginia.edu/go/wil/Seuss_Lesson.pdf