Rhyming Words Activities

The Task

Children identify words that rhyme in a series of activities. For example, "Put your thumbs up if these two words rhyme--pail-tail or cow-pig?" or "Finish this rhyme, red, bed, blue, _____."

Activities

1. Snap and Clap Rhymes
   - Begin with a simple clap and snap rhythm.
   - Get more complex as children move along in rhyming.

     Clap Clap Snap fall Clap Clap Snap ball
     Clap Clap Snap hall Clap Clap Snap small
   - A variation is the "I say, You say" game:

     I say fat. You say _____. I say red. You say _____.

2. Rhyming Word Sit Down
   - Children walk around in a big circle taking one step each time a rhyming word is said by the teacher.
   - When the teacher says a word that doesn't rhyme, the children sit down:

     she tree flea spree key bee sea went

3. Rhyming words in songs, poems, and big books
   - As you do shared reading with the students, pause at the end of phrases and let the students supply the rhyming words.
   - After you have read the poem together ask students to find the rhyming words.
   - Generate other words that rhyme with these rhyming words.

4. Silly Rhymes Big Book
   - Use rimes (roots of word families) and rhyme charts around the classroom to create silly poems with the class.

- Write the one line rhyme with the whole class in big letters on large chart paper (Shared Writing).
- Read aloud several times.
- Use different voices. Have children sound and clap words.
- Have a child illustrate the rhyme.
- Repeat each week for another set of rimes.

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