

Welcome!

Kindergarten, Unit 1

Nursery Rhymes and Fables

Dear Family Member,

This unit will introduce students to nursery rhymes and fables that have been favorites with children for generations.

What's the story?

Students will **listen to and recite classic rhymes**, such as **"Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"** and **"Jack and Jill."** They will also be introduced to favorite characters, such as **Humpty Dumpty** and **Little Miss Muffet**.

What will my student learn?

Students will learn **new vocabulary**, develop an **awareness of language**, identify **story elements**, and explore different **types of fiction**. These foundational skills will help them **become better readers and writers**.

Throughout the unit, students will practice **sequencing events in a story**. They will also work to **compare and contrast** characters from the different nursery rhymes and fables they will read.

Conversation starters

Ask your student questions about the unit to promote discussion and continued learning:

1. I know you have been learning that the word sweet can mean more than one thing. Can you tell me one meaning of the word sweet? Now, can you use it in a sentence for me?
Follow up: Together, talk about another way sweet can be used. Can you make a sentence using the other meaning of sweet?
2. What are some words that rhyme in "Jack and Jill"? (Jill/hill; down/town)
Follow up: What are some other words that rhyme with those words?