



Preschool: Knights & Dragons

Opening Rhyme

I've got something in my pocket
 That belongs across my face.
 I keep it very close to me,
 In a most convenient place.
 I bet you'll never guess it
 If you took a long, long while.
 So I'll take it out and put it on.
 It's a great big STORYTIME SMILE!

Closing Rhyme

See you later, Alligator!
 After a while, Crocodile!
 Gotta go, Buffalo!



See you soon, Raccoon!
 Take care, Polar Bear!
 Bye-bye, Butterfly!

Rhymes

Little Dragon
 Little dragon counts to three.
 Little dragon bends one knee.
 Little dragon touches his toes.
 Little dragon touches his nose.
 Little dragon makes a funny face.
 Little dragon runs in place.
 Little dragon lays on the floor.
 Little dragon starts to snore.

Out and About activities

Sing! The rhythm and repetition of song is a perfect time to help your child learn the sounds of words. Sing the "Hokey Pokey" or "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" or even make up your own song with words that rhyme!

Early Literacy Tips

Play *Rhyme Time!* Rhyming brings phonological awareness to your pre-reader. Phonological awareness is learning to hear the smaller sounds that create words. This prepares your child for learning to read (as they sound words out).

Example: You say one word and work with your child to find (or make up) words that rhyme with it. knight. . . polite. . . fight stop. . . clop. . . blop moat. . . boat. . . throat

Making up rhyming words, even if they're silly nonsense words, is a good way to develop your child's early literacy skills.

Resources

<http://www.mphpl.org/storytimes#>
<https://kidskonnnect.com/animals/dragon/>

Dragons in Mythology by Matt Doeden
Behold the Dragons! by Gail Gibbons

Books

Old MacDonald Had a Dragon by Ken Baker
The Knight and the Dragon by Tomie DePaola
How to Be Friends with a Dragon by Valeri Gorbachev
There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight by Penny Parker Klostermann

The Forgetful Knight by Michelle Robinson & Fred Blunt
Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin
Take Care, Good Knight by Shelley Moore Thomas

