Singing slows down language, so that baby can hear all the syllables. This skill will help the older child break down words as they read them. Provide lots of opportunity for music, rhythm, and song in your day. Sing silly songs. Dance, clap, and play your favorite tunes! Use pots and pans to create your own band.

**BABY**

- Sing this song to the tune *Ring Around the Rosy*: “Wobble gobble Tur-key, on the chilly air! One step, two steps, tickle you under there!” (gobble gobble)
- To the tune of *Farmer in the Dell*: “The turkey is a funny bird... his head goes wobble, wobble! He only knows a single word; gobble, gobble, gobble!”

**TODDLER**

- To the tune of *Happy and You Know It*. “Hello Mr. Turkey, how are you? (Just fine!) Hello Mr. Turkey, how are you? (Just fine!) With a wobble, wobble, wobble, and a gobble, gobble, gobble, Hello Mr. Turkey, how are you? (Just fine!”
- Chanted or loosely sung to *Mary Had a Little Lamb or Twinkle Twinkle*: “Thumbs in the thumb-place (BING!) (hide thumbs in fist - then, BING!) Fingers all together! (Pop up fingers and stand them together as a group) This is the song, we sing in Mitten Weather!” (Sway hands side to side, palm out with thumbs extended... as if in a mitten)

**PRESCHOOLERS**

- To the tune of *Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*: “This is the way we rake the leaves, rake the leaves, rake the leaves. This is the way we rake the leaves early in the morning!” (Bag the leaves; jump in the leaves)
- To the tune of *I’m a Little Teapot*: “I’m a little turkey, plump and wide. Feet on the bottom, wings on the side. When I walk around I wobble to and fro. Hear me gobble, off I go!”

**DO**

Play a rhythm game with your child. Say “My Turn”. Have child imitate what you do, then say “Your turn” and let him/her make something up for you to imitate. Try:

- 1 2 3 4
- 1 2 3 4
- 1 2
- 1 2

**SPANISH:**

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**SIGN:**

Make a fist with thumb and pointer extended out the bottom. Place the back of your fist under your chin. Waggle it back and forth, saying “Gobble, Gobble!”