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 your Baby’s name back and forth on two notes as you rock your child: “Ja-son, Ja-son, I Love Ja-son”.
- Check out one of our music CD’s. Turn it on and dance and sing with baby.
- With fingers, draw circles on baby and tiptoe under chin. *(tune: Old MacDonald)* “Round and Round the Hay-stack, went the little Mouse. One step, Two step... and into his little house!”

TODDLER

- Sit facing your child with legs toward each other. Hold your child’s hands, push/pull and sing: “Row, row, row your boat gently down the stream. Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily... life is but a Ddream!”
- Point to the flowers you see outside and sing: One little, two little, three little flowers. Four little, five little, six little flowers. Seven little, eight little, nine little flowers. 10 little flowers in the garden! *(tune: 10 little...)*

PRESchoolers

- *(tune: This is the way we Wash our Clothes)* A little bird is singing, singing, singing. A little bird is singing, tweet, tweet, tweet! (eating/yum yum yum; flying/in the sky).
- Sing in a high voice. Then sing in a low voice. Take turns and imitate each other!