Write a Song

Purpose: To synthesize new learning while scaffolding students’ reading and writing abilities through the use of familiar and predictable rhyme schemes

Materials: paper, pencils

Procedure:
- Read a book related to a unit of study or discuss a topic of study.
- Provide (or ask for students to provide) a familiar tune and guide students in composing a song based on the book or unit of study to fit the tune.
- Students write the words to the song in a book form and illustrate their books.
- Some popular tunes are listed below.
The Farmer in the Dell
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
Mary Had a Little Lamb
A Hunting we will Go
The Wheels on the Bus
If You’re Happy and You Know It
On Top of Old Smoky
Baa Baa Black Sheep
Do You Know the Muffin Man?
Looby Loo
London Bridge