

Write a Song

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<u>Purpose</u>: 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

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