

January
Nursery Rhyme

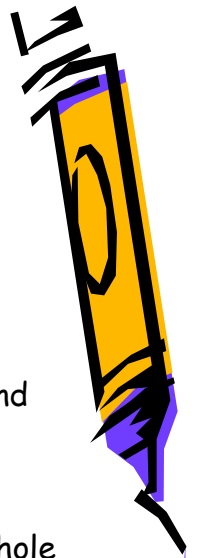
Hickory, Dickory, Dock

Hickory, Dickory, Dock.
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
the mouse ran down,

Hickory, Dickory, Dock.

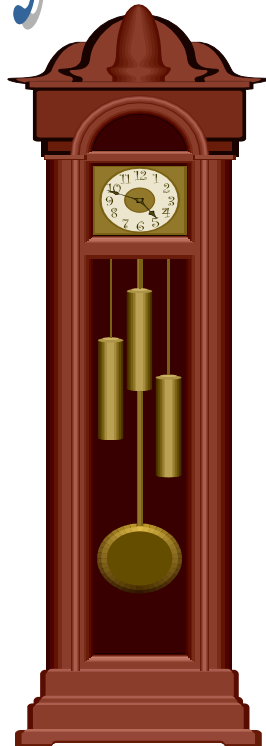


January Activities



Directionality

Work on direction words such as up, down, between, under, above, below, inside, outside, behind, over, around, and so on. Use arms, use a stool to stand beside, a table to crawl under, stuffed animals to stand between, and so on. This is a fun way to learn new vocabulary.



Paper Plate Clock

Cut out the clock and mouse. Glue onto poster board or cardboard for durability. Punch a hole in the top and the bottom of the clock. Attach the mouse to a piece of string and run it through the holes knotting it in the back. Run the mouse up and down the clock as you say the rhyme.



Paper Plate Clock

Draw numbers on a paper plate positioning them as they would appear on a clock face. Cut a long and short arrow from construction paper and attach them to a center of the clock with a brad. Help children position the arrows to indicate different times.

Preschoolers can learn about 12 and 6, representing the half hours and older children can begin to learn about 5 after, fifteen, forty-five, and so on. Create a series of clocks indicating times for breakfast, school, naptime, dinner, and so on and hang them in the order of occurrence.



Discover a Mouse

Visit a pet store or even a local discount store with a pet department to see and touch a real mouse. Children learn best from real, live, hands-on experiences.

Children learn best in the context of a loving relationship. These activities are designed for children and adults to do together. Children should be encouraged to do as much as they safely can by themselves. There should be a lot of lively discussion accompanying these activities.