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June
Nursery Rhyme

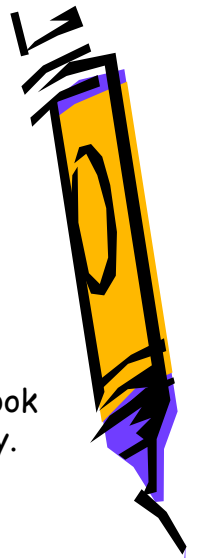
Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill
went up the hill
to fetch a pail
of water.

Jack fell down
and broke his crown.
Then Jill came
tumbling after.



June Activities



New Words

Discuss the words fetch, pail, crown, tumbling, and any other terms that seem strange or unfamiliar to your child. If possible, use a dictionary to look up the meaning of the words to demonstrate the purpose of the dictionary.



Pretend Play

Use a small bucket or a pail made from paper to act out the rhyme. Practice saying the rhyme while role-playing the motions. Sing the rhyme faster and faster as you do this!



Water Painting

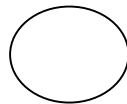
Fill buckets with water. Using brushes, sponges, cotton swabs, and other household items, paint the wall, garage, sidewalk, blacktop, etc.

I've Got Rhythm

Use clapping hands and stomping feet to pound out the rhythm of the Jack and Jill rhyme as you say it. You can also add coffee can drums, rhythm sticks, and other instruments.

Making Faces

Use paper plates or ovals cut from paper to draw faces. Encourage children to include and position all the features correctly. Younger children will have trouble with positioning, but that is okay. Older children will add eyelashes, facial hair, earrings, and so on.



Feelings

Draw more faces with features that indicate happiness, anger, sadness, surprise and so on. Name the emotion and discuss reasons for feeling that way.

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.