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August  
Nursery Rhyme

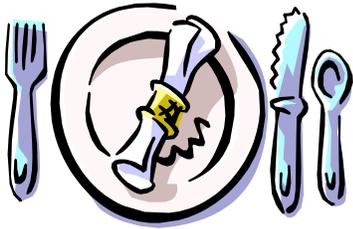
# Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey Diddle, Diddle  
The cat and the fiddle,  
the cow jumped  
over the moon.

The little dog laughed,  
to see such sport,  
and the dish ran away  
with the spoon.



# August Activities



This is a good month to talk about dishes and utensils. Let your child help you set the table this month! Name the dish or utensil as you set it in the correct place at the table. Let your child practice doing it like you did, saying the name of each item. Practice saying the rhyme each day at mealtime.

## What Comes First?

Practice saying the rhyme. Then ask what comes first in the rhyme. Did the dish run away or the cow jump over the moon first?

There is an order (or sequence) in stories and rhymes. Let your child practice by saying which actions happen first, middle, and last. This will come in handy in school.



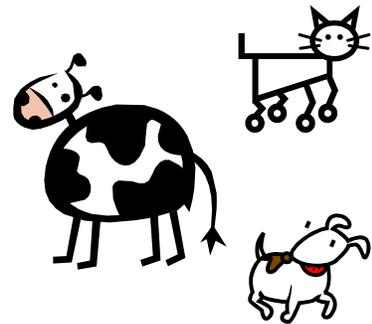
## Feelings

Practice saying the rhyme. Ask your child if the rhyme sounds funny or sad. This rhyme talks about laughter.

Talk to your child about other feelings like sadness or being afraid. Let your child describe another feeling time.

## Jump, Jump!

Teach your child about the actions in the rhyme. Practice saying the rhyme together. Which animal jumps? Which one runs? Act out the rhyme as you say it.



Another idea is to draw a picture of the animals in the rhyme. Tell about the silly things your animals are doing in your pictures!

*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.*