



**MOTHER GOOSE NEWS**  
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Hello once again to friends far and wide...those who have been with me since my first e-newsletter and those of you who will now be seeing this copy in their INBOX when it arrives. I am delighted to know that the ideas I share with you will be enjoyed by the children you are teaching.

This school year has been so busy as I have added many local schools to my in house programming and also shared Keynotes and Workshops with teachers in 40 states total. By this summer, I will be up to 42 states and I hope to visit all 50 by the time I turn 50! If anyone has contacts in Oregon, Montano or the New England states...please let me know, as these are the states I am lacking and I would love to be invited!

This makes me laugh... The director of a school I am recently visiting told me, "Our teachers love it when you come for a program...the fact that the kids like you is just frosting on the cake!"

Well...I do what I can!!!

Enjoy this easy transition idea:  
HOP LIKE A BUNNY...  
BUZZ LIKE A BEE!  
MOO LIKE A COW,  
AND SIT DOWN WITH ME!

Get your rabbit, cow or bee finger puppet from:

[www.m-s-creations.com](http://www.m-s-creations.com)  
just mention MOTHER GOOSE

Here is a brand new birthday song that is fun for kids and goes to the tune of:

THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC...

Some of you are rolling your eyes but it will come easily if you try it... you can do it:



TODAY'S A SPECIAL DAY  
BECAUSE WE HAVE A  
BIRTHDAY  
(KING OR QUEEN)!  
TODAY'S A SPECIAL DAY  
BECAUSE WE HAVE A  
BIRTHDAY KING!  
LET'S PUT OUR HANDS  
TOGETHER AND WE'LL CLAP  
AND THEN WE'LL SING...IT'S  
GRETCHEN'S  
BIRTHDAY TODAY!  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
GRETCHEN!  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
GRETCHEN!  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
GRETCHEN!  
HOW OLD ARE YOU TODAY?  
Bring in a special crown and perhaps cloak for the honoree to wear as you sing the song. Then, have a birthday interview:



Gretchen is \_\_\_ years old.

Her favorite color is \_\_\_.

She likes to eat \_\_\_\_\_.

She has a pet \_\_\_\_\_.

She wants to go to \_\_\_\_\_.

Take a picture of Gretchen and make copies for everyone in the class. Duplicate a page with the questions on it for each child and put Gretchen's picture at the top of the page. Each child will receive their own copy of Gretchen's interview to read together as a class and then take home and share with their parents.

This enables the children to share news about classmates with their families by "reading" the interview with their families. This also gives the families a glimpse of what the other children are all about and will encourage a bit of conversation (hopefully) at home on topics that are of interest to the children and their parents. Keep one copy of each interview to be put in a special class birthday book. Summer birthdays can be celebrated as half-birthdays. Have fun! COPYRIGHT 2005 JANE KITSON



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Bunnies are a delightful part of springtime. We have several that visit our yard each year and as long as they stay away from my flowers...they can eat all the clover they want!

I SAW A RABBIT...

HOP. HOP. HOPPING!

(hop with your children)

NEVER EVER STOP, STOP

STOPPING!

(shake head "no" and hold palms up)

'TIL SHE SAW A CARROT TOP...

(hands above eyes)

THEN THAT RABBIT HAD TO STOP!

(hold up pointy finger and pretend to nibble)



THERE'S A BUNNY IN MY YARD...

AND HE'S LISTENING VERY HARD!

WHAT

DO YOU THINK HE HEARS?

Make sounds such as:

Kitty, dog, snake, birds, bees,

Water hose, snake etc.

Bring in a real picnic basket filled with foods and various items to take on a picnic. Place the basket in the center of the circle. Ask these questions:

What would we use to cover the table?

Take out the tablecloth

What would we use to wipe out faces with?

Take out the napkins

What would we use to put our juice in?

Take out the cups

What would we use to put the food on?

Take out the bowls

What would we use to pick the food up with and put it in our mouths?

Take out the silver wear

Now ...share this chant:

IT'S PICNIC TIME...

I'M HUNGRY NOW!

LET'S OPEN THE BASKET WIDE!

SO MANY YUMMY THINGS TO EAT...

HERE'S A CLUE ABOUT WHAT'S INSIDE:



These are crunchy...

(chips)

These are sweet and round...

(cookies)

This is made with two pieces of bread...

(sandwich)

These are yellow with a peeling...

(bananas)

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You may use real food or pictures, so that this activity can be used as a game and self directed by children all month.

A TRIP TO THE ZOO is always fun. Perhaps this song will help children predict what animals they will see:

Tune: GO ROUND AND ROUND THE VILLAGE

I'M THINKING OF AN ANIMAL...

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I'M THINKING OF AN ANIMAL...

\*\*\*he eats bananas every day!

\*\*\*he always wears a pocket

\*\*\*she has a long gray trunk

\*\*\*her stripes are black and white.

\*\*\* she has long, long neck



ENJOY YOUR LAST FEW MONTHS OF SCHOOL AND I HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER! I AM SENDING MY OLDEST TO COLLEGE NEXT FALL AND AM GOING TO SAVOR THE TIME HE IS STILL WITH US AT HOME!

Remember to always wear your most important asset: YOUR SMILE..it matches everything!