

Teaching Repertoire K-2

This is a list of songs with which I am particularly comfortable. This is a starting point but please add suggestions.

| Name | GRADE | Skills taught | Violin Prep. |
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| A-Hunting We Will Go | 1 | Improvise rhymes. Individual participation | |
| Ah, Poor Bird | 2 | Melody singing | |
| Alphabet Song | 2 | Memorization | Yes |
| Ants Go Marching | 2 | Counting. | |
| Apples And Bananas | 2 | Long vowel sounds. | |
| Baa Baa Black Sheep | K | Wool awareness. Basic economics . Counting | Yes |
| Bears Are Sleeping In The Woods | K | Responding to musical cues with actions | |
| Bingo | 2 | Spelling. Clap rhythms | |
| Bling Blang, Hammer With My Hammer | K | This has lots of words and a short chorus. | |
| Boil Them Cabbage Down | 1 | Vernacular language. Agricultural terms. | yes |
| Bring Me Little Water Sylvie | 2 | Simple song, consistent rhythm. Vernacular. | |
| Clap Your Hands Together (<i>To The Tune Of Old Joe Clark</i>) | 1 | Modal Melody. Basic Motions to music. | Yes |
| Cluck Old Hen | 2 | Modal melody | |
| Do-Re-Mi (<i>Doe a deer</i>) | 2 | Basic solfeggio. | |
| Do You Know The Muffin Man? | K | Teaches basic role playing to music. | |
| Down By The Bay, Where the Watermelons Grow | 2 | Complex but easy. Rhyme improvising. Also call and response | |
| Down By The Station | 1 | Railroad history | |
| Down In The Valley | 2 | Simple song | |
| Dry Bones | K | Vernacular (liberation) (or Halloween) | |
| Farmer In The Dell | K | Improvise verses. Farm Vocabulary | |
| Five Little Monkeys | K | Counting down | |
| Five Little Pumpkins. | K | This is probably no good (Halloween rep?) Counting | |
| Found A Peanut | 2 | Easy ballad with improvisation. | |
| Fox Went Out, The | 2 | Ballad with repeat lyrics. | |
| Frère Jacques | 2 | French, echo verse structure | |
| Froggy Went A Courting | 2 | Very rich nonsense chorus ANCIENT LYRIC S | |
| Green Grass Grew All Around | 2 | Cumulative song, Memorization | |
| Happy Birthday To You | K | Simple classis 2 lyric sets | |
| Head, Shoulders, Knees And Toes | K | Memorization, body parts, rhythm. Subtracting words | |
| Hello (<i>Ella Jenkins</i>) | K | Greetings interaction | |
| Hey, Ho, Nobody Home | 2 | Round | |
| Hokey Pokey | 1 | Easy dance | |
| Home On The Range | 2 | Chorus song, frontier ways | |
| Hot Cross Buns | 1 | Street call. | yes |
| I Like The Way That They Stack Hay (<i>Ella Jenkins</i>) | 1 | Counting, Rural life | |
| I'm A Little Teapot | K | Easy dance | |
| I've Been Working On The Railroad | 2 | Complicated classic song. | |
| If You're Happy And You Know It | K | Easy motions | |
| It's Raining, It's Pouring | K | Using song to react to environment. | |
| Itsy Bitsy Spider | K | Basic fingerplay | |

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| Jenny Jenkins | 2 | Improvising rhymes. Song as conversation. Colors | |
| Jim Along Josie 1pt | K | Basic dance | |
| Jingle Bells | 1 | Seasonal song. Rhythm | |
| John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt. Jan Jansen | 2 | Reaction to immigrants, their languages and their names. (Teaches syllables by clapping) | |
| Jump Jim Joe | K | Simple dance | |
| Kookaburra | 2 | Round. | |
| Kumbaya | 2 | Too religious? Gullah. African-american dialect | |
| Land Of The Silver Birch | 2 | Place holder for a better native American song. | |
| Little Red Caboose | K | Easy song Railroad vocabulary. | |
| May-Ree Mack (Ella Jenkins) | 1 | African American chant song | |
| Momma Don't Allow | 2 | Participation song | |
| My Bonnie Lies Over The Ocean | 2 | Simple moving with lyrics | |
| Neighborhood Is A Friendly Place (Ella Jenkins) | K | Social intergration and affirmation | |
| No Time To Tarry Here | 2 | Farewell song. | |
| Old Macdonald | 1 | Cumulative song. Farm vocabulary | |
| Play Your Instruments (Ella Jenkins) | K | Basic instrumental music. Taking turns | |
| Put Your Little Foot | 1 | Simple dance | |
| Reuben And Rachel | 2 | Conversation song. | |
| Row, Row, Row Your Boat | K | Couple interaction moving with music | |
| Say Darling Say | 2 | Simple chorus, Vernacular, borrowing lyrics | |
| Shalom Chavarim | 2 | Hebrew lyrics, greetings and affirmation | |
| Shepherd's Hey | 1 | Simple song affirmation of music. | yes |
| Ten In The Bed And The Little One Said. | 1 | Counting down | |
| There's A Hole In The Bucket | 2 | Debate song. Conversation. Logic | |
| This Land Is Your Land | 2 | Repertoire | |
| This Little Light Of Mine | 1 | Affirmation. Improvise lyrics | |
| This Old Man | 1 | Counting | |
| Three Little Birds | 2 | School song affirmation | |
| Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star | K | Simple fingerplay | yes |
| Wheels On The Bus | K | Simple song. Mass transit orientation | |
| Why, Oh Why (Woody Guthrie) | 2 | Improvise question and answer | |
| World Is Big, The World Is Small (Ella Jenkins) | 1 | Call and response vocals | |
| You'll Sing A Song And I'll Sing A Song (Ella Jenkins) | K | Greeting affirmation of singing | |
| Zodiac/Mezudio (Shortning Bread) | 1 | Simple dance. (I won't do the Shortnin Bread lyrics) | |
| 1,2,3,4 We Don't Care About The Score. Etc. (Chant) | 2 | Chant used to affirm other team in sports. | |