# Add & Enhance - "Rhyme Time"

Enhancing the learning environment is easy! Here are a list of materials you may want to add to your learning areas to enhance the unit, "Rhyme Time." Feel free to add other materials you feel would your children would enjoy as well. Please see our, "The Environment & the Gee Whiz Curriculum" for more information on materials you should have in your program.

## **ART AREA**

- Star-shaped paper
- Fish-shaped paper
- Plastic spoons
- Star cookie cutters and sponges/paper towels soaked in paint in shallow dishes
- Disposable pie pans
- Plastic eggs (to use for printing/painting)

# **DRAMATIC PLAY/DRESS-UP**

- Assorted pajamas (different ages/sizes, men's/women's, boys/girls, infant, etc.)
- Old clock
- Toy fishing pole with plastic fish
- Empty oatmeal, cottage cheese and milk containers
- Cushioned stool (ottoman)
- Candlestick (unbreakable)
- Pie plate, rolling pin



#### **BLOCKS**

- Assorted types of blocks for building walls
- Stuffed paper lunch bag Humpty Dumpty (Feel free to make more than one. Use Make It! Sheet #1)
- Blankets and pillows (for building beds)
- Large star outline on the floor made with blue painter's tape

## LITERACY & WRITING

- Nursery Rhyme books + books with rhymes from around the world (see Book List in Teaching Guide for suggestions)
- Additional prepared copy of the Gee Whiz, "Nursery Rhyme Book" Story Prop
- Cookbooks that feature pie recipes
- Rhyme Cards (see p. 20)
- Star-shaped writing paper

## **GROSS MOTOR PLAY & MUSIC/MOVEMENT** (indoors and outdoors)

- Star Bowling Game (see p. 19)
- Posterboard moon (to put on the floor/ground for children to jump over)
- Safe items for children to jump over like "Jack" from "Jack be Nimble" (e.g., pillow, folded towel, etc.)
- Nursery rhyme music
- Stick horses (to ride while pretending to be "all the King's men" ... and women!)
- Child's guitar or fiddle

## MANIPULATIVE, SCIENCE, MATH

- Plastic eggs (for Humpty ... see p. 5)
- Child's telescope (if available)
- Puzzles (put together ... like Humpty)
- Dishes and spoons (plastic) to use in water and sand
- Candles for sorting
- Pictures of space (moon & stars)



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