Jump Rope Rhymes . . . in the Classroom?
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Bubble gum, bubble gum, chew and blow.
Bubble gum, bubble gum, scrape your toe.
Bubble gum, bubble gum tastes so sweet.
Get that bubble gum off your feet!

Bubble gum, bubble gum
Penny a packet,
First you chew it,
Then you crack it,
Then you stick it in your jacket,
Then your parents
Kick up a racket!
Bubble gum, bubble gum
Penny a packet.

Number one, touch your tongue.
Number two, touch your shoe.
Number three, touch your knee.
Number four, touch the floor.
Number five, learn to jive.
Number six, pick up sticks.
Number seven, fly to heaven.
Number eight, shut the gate.
Number nine, touch your spine.
Number ten, do it again!

Butterscotch, butterscotch
Butterscotch pie
For butterscotch flavor I surely would die.
I love it in cookies
I love it in cakes
I crave it in candy
Or fudge that I make.
It’s heaven in sauces
Divine in ice cream
I have butterscotch, butterscotch,
Butterscotch dreams.

By Sonja Dunn

Ladies and gentlemen,
Children, too.
The guys and gals
Are gonna boogy for you.
Gonna turn around,
Touch the ground,
And shimmy, shimmy, shimmy
All around.
We do our homework,
Cause we really like school,
But when it comes to boogyin’
We’re a bunch of dancin’ fools . . .

My mother and your mother
Live across the way.
Every time they go to town, (variations: hang out clothes, do their work, have a fight)
This is what they say:
Ichabocker, ichabocker, ickabocker, boo!
Ichabocker, soda cracker, out goes you!

A sailor went to sea, sea, sea,
To see what he could see, see, see,
But all that he could see, see, see,
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea.

Benjamin Franklin went to France
To teach the ladies how to dance.
First the heel, and then the toe,
Spin around and out you go.

Jelly in the dish,
Jelly in the dish,
Wiggle, waggle, wiggle, waggle,
Jelly in the dish.
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Turn around,
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Touch the ground,
Teddy bear, teddy bear
Touch your shoe,
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Say how-di-do,
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Go upstairs,
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Say your prayers,
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Turn out the light,
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Say good night.

As I was going to St. Ives,
I met a man with seven wives,
Each wife had seven sacks,
Each sack had seven cats,
Each cat had seven kits –
Kits, cats, sacks, wives,
How many were going to St. Ives?

Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack,
All dressed in black, black, black,
With silver buttons, buttons, buttons,
All down her back, back, back.
She asked her mother, mother, mother,
For fifty cents, cents, cents,
To see the elephants, elephants, elephants,
Jump over the fence, fence, fence.
They jumped so high, high, high,
They reached the sky, sky, sky,
And didn’t come back, back, back,
‘Til the 4th of July, -ly, -ly!

SHOUT
Shout it! Shout it! POETRY
Fun for you and fun for me.
Clap your hands! Stomp your feet!
Feel the rhythm! Feel the beat!
Chunky words all chopped in chips!
Silky sounds upon your lips.
Tell a story – happy, sad;
Silly, sorry; good or bad.
Leap a leap, hop a hop,
See the ocean in one drop.
Shout it! Shout it! POETRY!
Fun for you and fun for me.

By Brad Bagert
Bibliography


Jump rope rhymes. WARNING WARNING WARNING Students may speak English just for fun if you use this worksheet!!! If you prefer your students only speak English in the classroom do not teach them these skipping rhymes and what ever you do - do not bring skipping ropes to class!!! But seriously - kids love these - chant 3 times in the classroom. Hand out a few copies of the chants to the kids (not one each!!!) Then take them outside with some skipping ropes and go for it! Have fun please. Level: elementary Age: 3-14 Downloads:15.