Having Fun with Nursery Rhymes

Try these fun tips to help your child develop language skills through nursery rhymes

- If a nursery rhyme mentions a body part, such as the nose or feet, touch your child's nose or wiggle his foot.
- "Jack and Jill went up the **mountain."** Make mistakes on purpose and let your child correct you.
- Use a sing-song voice.
- "Row, row, row your ___." Leave the last word out and have your child finish for you.
- Act out the actions as they are mentioned, and ask your child to imitate you.

  Here is the beehive. *(Hold up your fist)*
  Where are the bees?
  They're hidden inside, where nobody sees.
  Watch! Watch! as they come out of the hive.
  One, two, three, four, five! *(Count with your fingers.)*
  Bzzzzzzzzzz! *(Make flying motions with your hand.)*
- Change the names in the story: Instead of "Jack be nimble, Jack be quick," use your child's name.
- Add movement: clap, hum, stomp your feet.
- Ask questions to extend the stories, such as "What do you think happens next?" :et children use their imagination.
- Borrow a CD from the library or download some popular nursery rhymes and listen to them when you're home or traveling.