



At Music Together, we believe that music is valuable for its own sake, and we know that music-making naturally supports young children's development. Singing and dancing together deepens family bonds and enhances learning—plus, it's fun for everyone!



Making Music at Home!



TAMBOURINE Song Collection

Sneakin' 'Round the Room

Did you know?

"Sneakin' 'Round the Room" is a type of Music Together song called a "song without words" because it is sung on vocables, or phonemes (the individual sounds in a word). Repetition of rhymes allows your child to hear and begin to identify the distinct sounds that make up words. Classroom teachers call this skill *phonological awareness*, and it is important to your child's language development.

Try these activities with your child:

Play with substituting different sound-letter combinations to replace "bum, bum, bum, bum, bum," like "da, da, da, da, da." You can do the same with the "doo" and "la" sections.

Try using animal or instrument sounds to sing the song, like "meow" or "toot." If you have an infant or toddler, listen for a sound he makes and use that in the song.

During the "scooby" section of the song, just have fun making up nonsense sounds and words, singing them to the beat of the song like "scat" singing in jazz.

Adding movement helps deepen the learning. You and your child can experiment moving differently to the four main parts of the song. Try one movement for the "bum" section, another for the "da" section, and so on. Notice the four different musical styles; the fun is in varying your movements to express each of them!

For more ideas, visit www.musictogether.com/familymusiczone, a special section of the Music Together website just for families.
