

## TESTIMONIALS



“I have been using the *Nursery Rhyme Name Songs* project for a year and a half now by distributing the songs within my own family and in my storytimes. It is easy to make copies of the songs and hand them out. Many people have been very excited to receive special name songs for their own children. The song sheet can be filled out, placed on the refrigerator, and become a spotlight in a child’s day. I have had mothers, grandmothers, and other caregivers come back and tell me that their children are singing their special name songs, learning to spell their names and loving it. My own daughter loves her special name song and can easily spell out her name at age 2.”

*Sarah Boatman, Iberia Parish Library, New Iberia, LA*

“This program is really a wonderful idea. Children learn through music, rhythm, and repetition. The songs are fun, familiar and easy to use!”

*Kim Briscoe, Special Education PreK Teacher, Welsh Elementary, Welsh, LA*

“The Name Songs are fun and easy to use and children are more likely to remember.”

*Barbara Cart, Vernon Parish School Board Head Start, Vernon Parish*

“I am celebrating the fact that all of my children are leaving my class with the ability to spell and write their name. The project enabled children and their parents to work on the letters of their name to a familiar tune and required no outside supplies other than paper and pencil and a voice. I will use this method every year from now on. The kindergarten teachers will love both of us!!!! Thank you for your help in this area.”

*Cynthia Cater, Teacher, Brown Preschool, Webster Parish, Springhill LA*

“The children loved learning to spell their names with their own special songs.”

*Andrea Chatagnier, PreK Teacher, Iota Elementary, Iota, LA*

“I have always found that singing helps children learn and recall words faster. I used this project with PreK English language learners. I knew it had worked when I heard a child singing his song on his own while playing.”

*Betty Dupont, PreK Teacher, University Terrace Elementary, Baton Rouge, LA*

“Children’s knowledge of the nursery rhyme tunes made learning easier. Also, the repetition of saying the letters as we pointed to them helped the students recognize their names in print quickly.”

*Tonia S. Lemoine, Early Childhood Development Center, Mansura, LA*

“The children really seem to enjoy the name songs, and they look forward to the week when their name is highlighted. Some of my very young students haven't necessarily learned how to spell their names yet, but they are at least focusing on letters and learning to recognize some letters. Other students (who already could spell their names) are learning how to spell classmates' names. So, the activity meets all levels of learners.”

*Liegh Lissard, LA4 PreK Teacher, Truman Montessori, Lafayette, LA*

“Using nursery rhymes to help children spell their names is a wonderful idea! These songs are easy and fun for children to learn. I enjoyed this activity as much as my students did.”

*Coral Miller, Teacher, Fisher Early Childhood Development Center, Lafayette, LA*

“Children learn through fun activities. These activities incorporated fun with singing which allowed children to sing throughout the day.”

*Kimberly C. O'Brien, Teacher, Eunice Elementary, Eunice, LA*

“The children recognize the tunes to the nursery rhymes and, therefore, have an easier time learning to spell their names with the tunes.”

*LaBreeska Smith, LA4 Pre-K Teacher, Sabine Parish LA4 Head Start, Many, LA*

“The children love the songs! I made copies of the song sheets for each child and gave them to parents during parent-teacher meetings so the parents could sing with the children at home. The parents were amazed at how easily the children learned to spell their names.”

*Shirley J. Sneed, PreK Teacher, Natchitoches Central High, Natchitoches, LA*

“What a great project! Can't wait to use it again year after year!”

*Cheryl Soley, Golden Meadow Lower Elementary, Golden Meadow, LA*

“Thanks for the wonderful teaching tool. Anne (another Pre-K teacher) and I are having a ball teaching the name songs to our students (and the students are learning!!!)

*Christi Thibodeaux, Gethsemane Christian Academy, Lafayette, LA*