

Supporting Language through Music, Sign Language and Play

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LEARNER OUTCOMES OF THIS PRESENTATION:

Explain the difference between ASL signs, invented signs, and sign approximations.

- American Sign Language (ASL): "A complete, complex language that employs signs made by moving the hands combined with facial expressions and postures of the body" (NIDCD)
- Invented signs: Gesture a young child creates and consistently uses to communicate
- Sign approximations: Child's best try at imitating a signed word that is modeled for them

List the three steps children typically master to sign to communicate.

1. Imitation
2. Understanding
3. Expression

Describe easy ways you can add sing and sign activities to your daily routines tomorrow morning.

- Add key signs for routines and transitions
- Add signs for preferred interests of children
- Add a few signs as you read your favorite books and signs
- Sign feeling words to reinforce emotional literacy
- Joyfully connect through sign, song, books, and play!

ONLINE RESOURCES

Free song. "Hickory Dickory Dock." Anne M. Watson. www.singplaylove.tools/squeak

Free song. "Frog in the Meadow." Anne M. Watson. <https://youtu.be/-zE0vZO2Sb0>

ASL video dictionary. Signing Savvy. <https://www.signingsavvy.com/>

Information. Weatherby, Amy. www.firstwordsproject.com

Distracted parenting. www.vimeo.com/singplaylove/cellphone

DR. WATSON'S RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM BROOKES PUBLISHING

Sing & Sign for Young Children: A Guide for Early Childhood Professionals (Brookes Publishing, 2021)

SING.PLAY.LOVE. Educator Kits. (*Supplemental educator kits in Spanish available*)

CITATIONS

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SONGS	BOOKS	SING.PLAY.LOVE.
Hickory Dickory Dock	<i>Hickory Dickory Dock</i> (Baker)	www.singplaylove.tools/squeak
Mommy Go 'Round the Sun	<i>Sunrise, Moonrise</i> (Thompson)	SING & SIGN book
My World	<i>My World</i> (Wise Brown)	SING & SIGN book
Frog in the Meadow	<i>Jump, Frog, Jump!</i> (Kalan)	www.youtube.com/singplaylove
I Take the Music with Me	<i>I Take the Music with Me</i> (Watson) <i>We All Sing with the Same Voice</i> (Miller)	SING & SIGN book/Early Learning Educator Kit/Single Book Kit

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