

"Pop!" Goes the Letter!



All around the line of two words,
Apostrophe reads letters.
The children think it's all in fun,
But we know better!

Apostrophes can make a new word
By popping out a letter.
That's the way apostrophes work.
"Pop!" goes the letter!

This idea was generously contributed by Angie Bogan, a second grade teacher at Rossville Elementary School in Rossville, IN. One student gets to be the apostrophe and other students are the letters. They sing the song while the apostrophe skips around the line before popping out the appropriate letters and taking their place to form a contraction. Repeat so that other children have the opportunity to be the apostrophe.

Variation: I think that this activity will also be a great way to practice spelling the two words that make a contraction. If you hand out letter cards to students, ask them to assemble themselves into words such as they are, is not, etc. and come to the front of the classroom for this activity.

I adapted and added other lyrics to Angie's original idea. You can listen to and sing along with the tune at the link below.

<http://www.gardenofsong.com/popweasel.html>

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