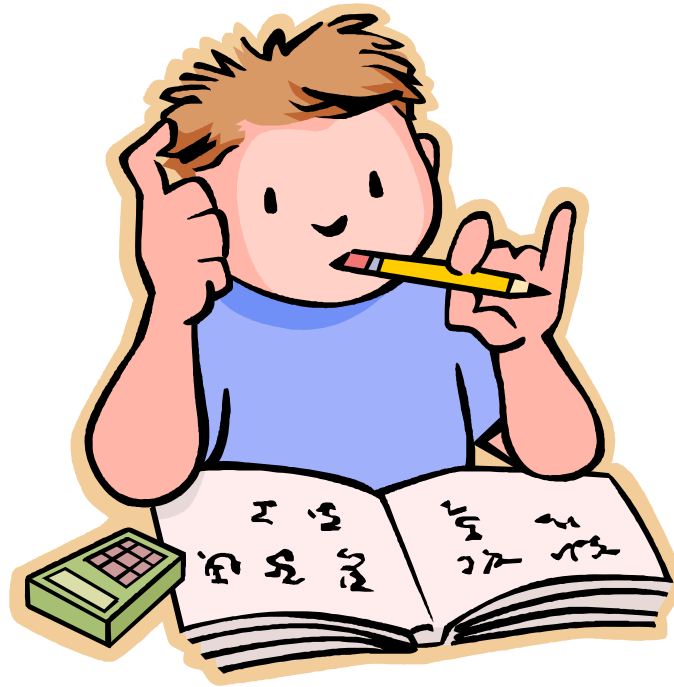


Music and Math



Songs for Reinforcing Math Skills

Cherry Carl

A Little Bitty Inch

(Tune: There's A Little White Duck)

Cherry Carl

I use a little bitty inch when I want to measure,

A little bitty inch to measure tiny treasure.

I take that ruler in my hand,

And count every inch 'cuz I understand

That a little bitty inch is a special measure

For small things!



Note to teacher:

Add hand motions. Hold out your thumb and finger for the first, second and fifth lines to indicate an inch. Act like you're counting inches on a ruler for line four and then tap your temple to show understanding. Talk about what kinds of things would fit the "small" category.

Bring on a Thingamajig!

(Tune: Camptown Races)

Cherry Carl

Thirty-six inches to a yard,

We'll measure your treasure!

Thirty-six inches to a yard,

So, what do you say!?

We're goin' to measure small!

We're goin' to measure big!

Our class is ready for short or tall,

So bring on a thingamajig!

Twelve inches to a foot,

We'll measure with pleasure!

Twelve inches to a foot,

So, what do you say!?

We're goin' to measure small!

We're goin' to measure big!

Our class is ready for short or tall,

So bring on a thingamajig!

Measurement's Not My Foe!

(Tune: I've Been Working on the Railroad)

Cherry Carl

I've been learning how to measure with my ruler in hand.
I've been learning how to measure and I think it's really grand.
I have seen the teacher showing how to measure with an inch,
I have heard the teacher saying, "Inches are a cinch!"

Measure with an inch.

Measure with a foot.

I can measure all day long.

Measure with an inch.

Measure with a foot.

I can even measure this song!

I know how to use my ruler.

I know how to use my yardstick.

I know how to measure anything!

'Cause measurement's not a trick!

Me, my, middle-e-i-o.

Me, my, middle-e-i-o-o-o-o.

Me, my, middle-e-i-o.

Measurement's not my foe!

Three Feet in Every Yard!

(Tune: Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes)

Cherry Carl

There are three feet in every yard, every yard!

There are three feet in every yard, every yard!

When we measure big things,

We always use a yard.

We can do it!

It's not hard . . . with a yard!

To measure the playground, use a yard, use a yard!

To measure your classroom, use a yard, use a yard!

When we measure big things,

We use the old yardstick!

We can do it,

And we're quick . . . with the stick!

Shape Song

(Tune: Solomon Levi)

Cherry Carl

I know what is a rectangle. I'll tell you in a song.

Two of its sides are short and two of them are long.

Now I'll tell about a square; it has four sides the same.

Turn it anyway you wish. That doesn't change its name!

A tri-an-gle has three sharp points. The sides are straight, all three.

Tri means three and so you see, that's what it has to be!

A diamond is a straight line shape, the four sides are the same.

The corners, though, are different; the rhombus is its name.

A circle is the shape that's next, with no straight sides at all.

It just goes round and round and round, and looks just like a ball.

An ellipse is an oval shape. The ends of it are round.

It might have been a circle once that got itself squashed down!

I look around me everywhere and I see shapes galore.

Cylinders and spheres and cubes, and oh so many more!

Chorus:

Oh, aren't you proud of me? Tra, la, la, la, la, la!

I've learned a lot, you see. Tra, la, la, la, la, la!