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Dear Sparke Kindergarten Families,

I hope your summer is off to a great start! As you know, literacy skills are crucial for school success, and we believe that “practice makes perfect.” With that in mind, we encourage our students and their families to visit the public library and participate in the Summer Reading Program. A suggested reading list is enclosed. Students who participate will be acknowledged in September. Last year, we had a record number of students participate, and we hope to surpass those numbers this summer!

In addition, we have developed a short, mandatory literacy assignment for our incoming Kindergarten students. Please have your child choose a favorite nursery rhyme and illustrate it. If your child also can memorize the nursery rhyme – even better! Children should bring their illustrations to school during the first week of school. Nursery rhyme books are available at the public library, and we will post nursery rhymes on the school website too. Rhyming is an important literacy skill, and listening to and learning nursery rhymes is a fun way to build this skill.

We look forward to seeing you in September. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

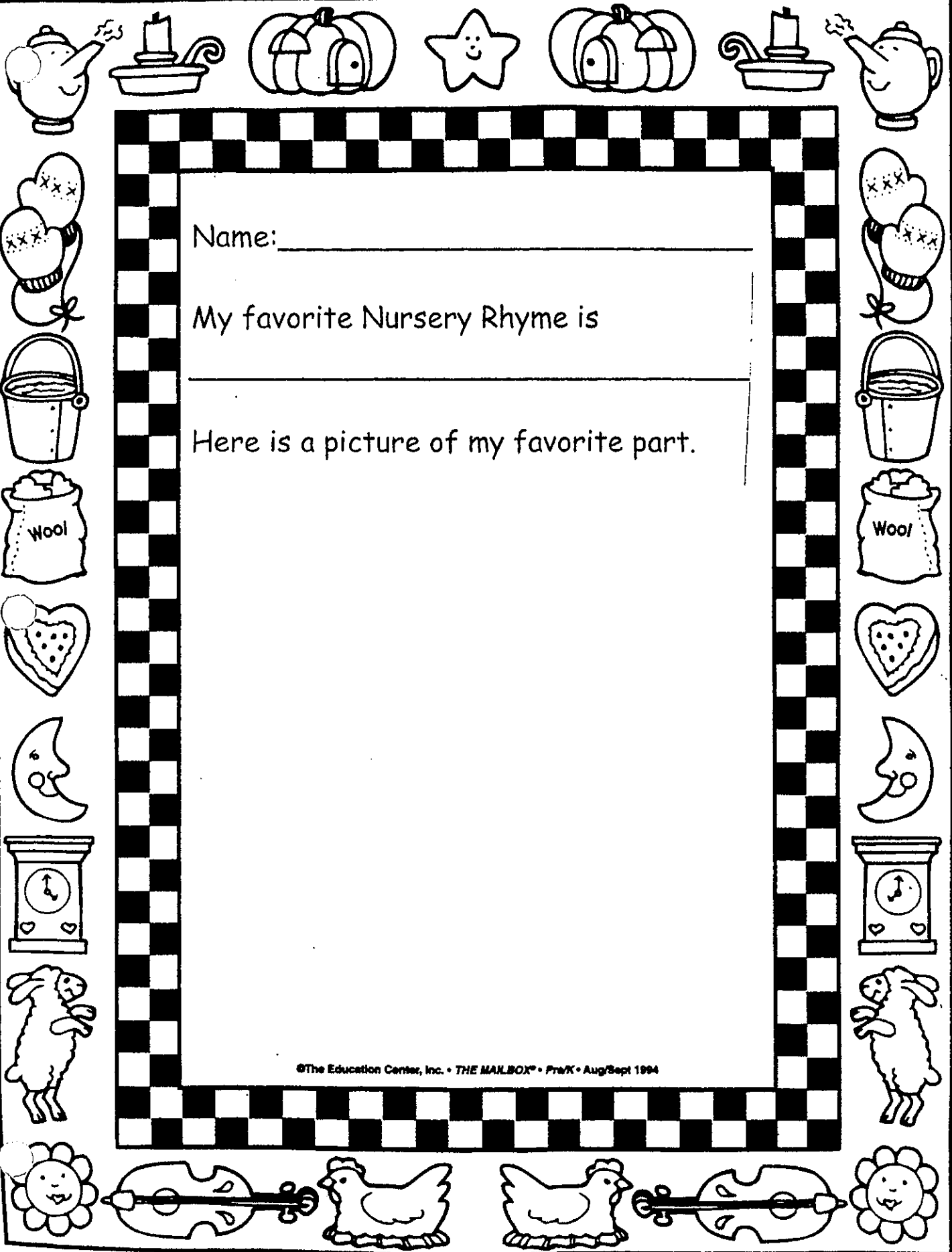
Very truly yours,

Penny E. Fisher, Ed.D.

Suggested Read-Alouds for Kindergarten



Author	Title/Series
Ahlberg, Janet	Each, Peach, Pear, Plum
Alborough, Jez	Where's My Teddy?
Aruego, Jose	Look What I Can Do
Carle, Eric	A House for Hermit Crab
Carlstrom, Nancy	Better Not Get Wet, Jesse Bear
Cousins, Lucy	Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales
Crews, Donald	Freight Train
DePaola, Tomie	Tomie DePaola's Mother Goose
Eastman, P. D.	Are You My Mother?
Ehlert, Lois	Eating the Alphabet
Emberely, Ed	Go Away Big, Green Monster
Falconer, Ian	Olivia
Feiffer, Jules	Bark, George
Fleming, Denise	Mama Cat Has Three Kittens
Fox, Mem	Time for Bed
Henkes, Kevin	Chrysanthemum
Marshall, James	Mother Goose
Martin, Bill	Brown Bear, Brown Bear
Numeroff, Laura	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
Opie, Iona	Here Comes Mother Goose
Pfister, Marcus	Rainbow Fish (series)
Prelutsky, Jack	Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young
Rey, H. A.	Curious George
Rylant, Cynthia	All I See
Seuss, Dr.	Mr. Brown Can Moo
Shaw, Nancy	Sheep in a Jeep
Slate, Slate	Miss Bindergarten (series)
Willems, Mo	Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale
Zion, Gene	Harry The Dirty Dog



Name: _____

My favorite Nursery Rhyme is

Here is a picture of my favorite part.