

Mr. Turkey

Coloring recognition and rhyming are two "ready for school" skills for children. Make learning them fun and interactive with this activity set to a familiar tune.

WHAT THEY LEARN

Color recognition, taking turns, fine motor skills, rhyming

WHAT YOU NEED

- Visual of Mr. Turkey (laminated or made of felt)
- Class set of feathers in multiple colors (laminated or made of felt)
- Felt Board

WHAT TO DO

- Place the turkey on the felt board and ask the children what is missing (feathers).
- Show them the feathers and review the color names.
- For older kids who are learning to rhyme, have them think of words that rhyme with each color.
- Hand out a feather to each child and sing the song using the selected version.
- Encourage the child to come up and place their feather on the turkey when their feather color is called.

LYRICS

(Tune: Oh My Darlin' Clementine)

Mr. Turkey, Mr. Turkey,

Mr. Turkey, how are you?

I need some feathers, need some feathers

That are the color blue.

(change out the color word each time you sing the song)

Variation

If your children know how to rhyme or are even just beginning, try this fun variation!

LYRICS

Mr. Turkey, Mr. Turkey,

Mr. Turkey, how are you?

I need some feathers,

I need some feathers,

And the color rhymes with "sink".

Teaching Tip: Each time the song is sung, sing a new word that rhymes with one of the colors.

Suggested rhyming

Clean/Green

Head/Red

Fellow/Yellow

Bloreng (a mountain in

Wales)/Orange

Mr. Turkey Printable

Print and cut out and laminate turkey. Add a piece of velcro is using on a flannel board. Make multiple copies of the feather printable below. Color feathers different colors or have your kids color them! Then cut out, laminate and place a piece of velcro on the back of each feather to allow it to stick to the flannel board.



