

B-I-N-G-O Songs

WHAT AND WHY: Most children learn the BINGO song (“There was a farmer had a dog, and Bingo was his name-O”. Obviously, we can sing the song, or have students listen to a recorded version. However, songboards can also offer visual supports. In Making this song – and others like it – into a ‘songboard’ can support students in:

- Developing an ‘ear print’ letter names;
- Linking letter names and the print version of those names;
- Identifying letters
- Working on concepts about print such as Letter, Word, Left-to-Right, and Sweep.



WHO IS THIS FOR: BINGO songboards are most appropriate for young children (8 or under) who don’t yet know all of the letters in the alphabet, or don’t connect letter names and the print versions of those names.

WHERE TO FIND READY-MADE BINGO SONGBOARDS:

Singing to Learn CD: This CD was made by me, and presents several versions in addition to the ‘farmer-had-a-dog’ version. Samples on the CD include: SANTA, FROSTY, and SPIDER.



HOW TO CREATE BINGO SONGBOARDS:

Repetition with Variation:

Create a board that can be used across various formats. For example, you can make BINGO boards to go along with various themes. For example:

Family: MOMMY, DADDY, SISTER, BROTHER, BABY

Transportation: TRAIN, TRUCK, BOAT, TAXI

Blank Boards – Do It Yourself:

Make a blank board, then just add:

- Scene (ex: truck, train)
- Letters (ex: T – r – u – c – k);
- Upper Case or Lower Case? Use both! Note that the SANTA board is all uppercase, while Truck uses both

