Jump Rope Rhymes . . . in the Classroom?
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Bubble gum, bubble gum, chew and blow. Bubble gum, bubble gum, scrape your toe. Bubble gum, bubble gum tastes so sweet. Get that bubble gum off your feet!

Ladies and gentlemen,
Children, too.
The guys and gals
Are gonna boogy for you.
Gonna turn around,
Touch the ground,
And shimmy, shimmy, shimmy
All around.
We do our homework,
Cause we really like school,
But when it comes to boogyin’
We’re a bunch of dancin’ fools . . .

My mother and your mother
Live across the way.
Every time they go to town, (variations: hang out clothes, do their work, have a fight)
This is what they say:
Ichabocker, ichabocker, ickabocker, boo!
Ichabocker, soda cracker, out goes you!

A sailor went to sea, sea, sea,
To see what he could see, see, see,
But all that he could see, see, see,
Was the bottom of the deep blue sea, sea, sea.

Benjamin Franklin went to France
To teach the ladies how to dance.
First the heel, and then the toe,
Spin around and out you go.

Number one, touch your tongue.
Number two, touch your shoe.
Number three, touch your knee.
Number four, touch the floor.
Number five, learn to jive.
Number six, pick up sticks.
Number seven, fly to heaven.
Number eight, shut the gate.
Number nine, touch your spine.
Number ten, do it again!

Butterscotch, butterscotch
Butterscotch pie
For butterscotch flavor I surely would die.
I love it in cookies
I love it in cakes
I crave it in candy
Or fudge that I make.
It’s heaven in sauces
Divine in ice cream
I have butterscotch, butterscotch,
Butterscotch dreams.
By Sonja Dunn
Teddy bear, teddy bear,    Way down south where bananas grow,
Turn around,      A grasshopper stepped on an elephant’s toe.
Teddy bear, teddy bear,    The elephant cried with tears in his eyes,
Touch the ground,    “Pick on somebody your own size.”
Teddy bear, teddy bear,    Cake and ice cream,
Say how-di-do,     Pudding and pie,
Teddy bear, teddy bear,    You like them all,
Touch your shoe,     And so do I!
Teddy bear, teddy bear,    Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack,
Say how-di-do,     All dressed in black, black, black,
Teddy bear, teddy bear,     With silver buttons, buttons, buttons,
Say your prayers, All down her back, back, back.
Teddy bear, teddy bear,    She asked her mother, mother, mother,
Turn out the light, For fifty cents, cents, cents,
Teddy bear, teddy bear,    To see the elephants, elephants, elephants,
Say good night. Jump over the fence, fence, fence.
Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack, They jumped so high, high, high,
All dressed in black, black, black. They reached the sky, sky, sky,
Each wife had seven sacks, And didn’t come back, back, back,
Each sack had seven cats, ‘Til the 4th of July, -ly, -ly!
Each cat had seven kits –
Kits, cats, sacks, wives,
Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack, How many were going to St. Ives?
How many were going to St. Ives?
Each cat had seven kits –
Kits, cats, sacks, wives,
How many were going to St. Ives?
How many were going to St. Ives?
Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack, Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack, Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack,
All dressed in black, black, black, All dressed in black, black, black,
With silver buttons, buttons, buttons, With silver buttons, buttons, buttons,
All down her back, back, back. All down her back, back, back.
She went upstairs to make her bed, She went upstairs to make her bed, She went upstairs to make her bed,
She made a mistake and bumped her head; She made a mistake and bumped her head; She made a mistake and bumped her head;
She went downstairs to wash the dishes, She went downstairs to wash the dishes, She went downstairs to wash the dishes,
She made a mistake and washed her wishes; She made a mistake and washed her wishes; She made a mistake and washed her wishes;
She went outside to hang her clothes, She went outside to hang her clothes, She went outside to hang her clothes,
She made a mistake and hung her nose. She made a mistake and hung her nose. She made a mistake and hung her nose.
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