

# LEARN WITH ANDY Z

*Even before a baby is born, it develops an awareness of rhythm as it hears the heartbeat of it's mother*



*~ from Exploring Poetry With Young Children  
by Ann Watts*

Ask any group of native English speakers to recite the alphabet, and a large number of them will recite the alphabet with the same rhythm that shares a melody with “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”, if they don’t sing the actual tune.

Rhythm, rhyme, and melody aid memorization. This is especially true for language learning, as music and language processing take place in the same area of the brain.

*~ from Kent State University - School Of Music  
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*Establishing a sense of rhythm can be used to increase a student's awareness of rhyming patterns and alliteration in other areas of reading and writing. Through music, memory skills can be improved, and aural discrimination increased  
(Chong & Gan 1997)*

*Besides providing enjoyment, music can play an important role in language and literacy development. ... Music and songs help increase these listening skills in a fun, relaxed manner.*

*Listening skills are key in singing, language and expressive movement, and later reading and writing  
(Wolf, 1992)*

*~ from Promoting Literacy Through Music  
Laura Woodall and Brenda Ziembroski*

## Music Helps Us Learn



**Children's Songs & Educational Music:  
Resources**  
Andy Z website: [www.andyz.com](http://www.andyz.com)  
Songs For Teaching: [www.songsforteaching.com](http://www.songsforteaching.com)  
Children's Music Network: [www.childrensmusic.org](http://www.childrensmusic.org)