



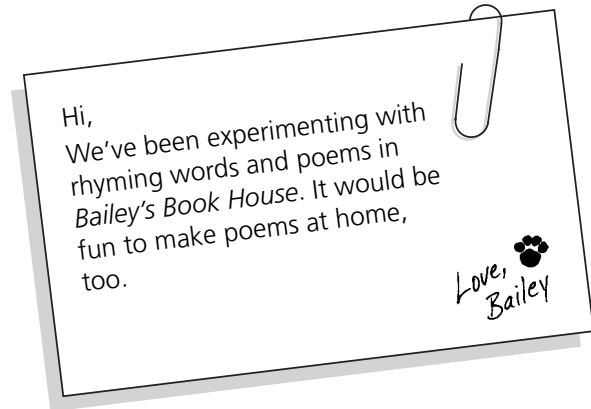
Read-A-Rhyme

# Together Time

## Rhymes of Mine

Help your child start a book of original poetry. A simple booklet can be made by stapling together several sheets of notebook paper with a plain sheet on top for the cover. On the last page of the booklet, help your child create lists of rhyming words that can be used for reference. Print as your child dictates words that rhyme with "tree," for example. Then, on a clean page, print as your child dictates a simple two-line poem using words from the rhyming list. For example, "Look up and see, A kitty in the tree."

As your child becomes a more confident author, longer rhyming poems can be written. Also, encourage your child to write different kinds of poetry: poems about feelings or experiences, poems that tell a little story, funny poems, etc. Provide crayons or markers for your child to make illustrations and a decorative cover for the poetry book.



## Rhyme Time

Play a simple "I'm thinking of . . ." game. For example, "I'm thinking of something in your room that rhymes with fall." Your child may answer, "Wall." Then switch roles so your child can think of something for you to find. Other examples: Something in the kitchen that rhymes with ink (sink); Something in the garage that rhymes with far (car).

