

# KINDERGARTEN READINESS TIPS

## Read this book about Friendship!

*A Unicorn Named Sparkle*  
by Amy Young



## Grown-up tip

Skinnamarinky...what? Silly songs, funny sounds, and nonsense words may cause you to scratch your head and think *how can this help my child read?* But wait--don't throw out the baby with the bath water! When we sing with our children, we slow down words and allow them to hear smaller sounds and syllables within larger words. This is the beginning of reading. If the words don't make sense--all the better! The sillier the song, the more likely your child will want to sing it over and over again! Repetition helps children memorize and creates a foundation for reading. So enjoy singing silly songs with your children morning, noon, and night!



## Skinnamarink

Skinnamarinky dinky dink  
Skinnamarinky do,  
I love you!  
Skinnamarinky dinky dink  
Skinnamarinky do,  
I love you!  
I love you in the morning,  
And in the afternoon  
I love you in the evening,  
Underneath the moon...  
Skinnamarinky dinky dink  
Skinnamarinky do,  
I love you!

As you sing this song silly song,  
try using fun hand motions:  
I - Touch your eyes  
Love - Make a heart with your hands  
You - Point to your child.

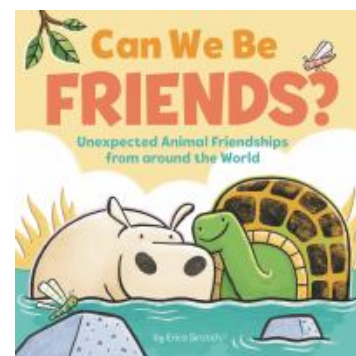
## Take a look at this!

Visit OC Public Library's Kindergarten Readiness webpage to see a video of this rhyme. Scan the QR code to find out more!



## Try this nonfiction title!

*Can We Be Friends?*  
by Erica Sirotych



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