

Chickens

WELCOME SONG Hello everybody and clap you hands (*use sound cat to find the letter of the day*)
Clap each child's name (*eg Mo -lly - two claps*)

BIG BOOKS Hattie and the fox by Mem Fox (*act out with puppets*)

BOOKS TO READ Across the stream by Ginsburg
Big fat hen by Baker
Rosie's walk by Hutchins
Hungry hen by Richard Waring(*Use chicken puppet and fox*)
The wolf's chicken stew by Kasza
Minerva Louise.... books by Stoeke
(*Use the Minerva Louise puppet and the fox puppet*)

FELT BOARD Hickety pickety my black hen
Take the ten chicks and arrange in pairs (*give each child one of the pairs and have them find the other*)

FINGER PLAYS Five eggs and five eggs (*with glove*)

MUSIC & CIRCLE TIME The chicken dance (# 5 on Music and Movement in the classroom)
Turkey in the straw (# 6 on from One elephant duex elephant by Sharon Lois and Bram)
(*When the children have made their chicken masks they can dance around to this music with the egg shakers*)
Chicken medley (# 7 Great big hits 2 by Sharon Lois and Bram)
Chicken game (Chicken, chicken who has your egg)
Act out peck, peck, peck
Chicken game - Chicken, chicken, who has your egg?
Someone stole it from your nest
Guess who? Maybe you
Maybe the monkey from the zoo?
(*Use the Minerva puppet and an egg*)

VIDEO Rosie's walk

CRAFT Make a chicken mask head band
Make a chicken on a stick

CHICKEN VERSES

Hickety, pickety, my black hen
She lays eggs for gentlemen
Gentlemen come every day
To see what my black hen doth lay
Sometimes nine and sometimes ten
Hickety, pickety my black hen

Five eggs and five eggs (Hold up fingers on both hands)
That makes ten
Sitting on top is the mother hen (Put one hand over fist of other
hand)
Crackle, crackle, crackle (Clap hands)
What do I see?
Ten yellow chickens as fluffy as can be (Display ten fingers)

Peck, peck, peck.....On the warm brown egg...Out comes a neck...
Out comes a leg....How does a chick.... Who's not been about.....
Discover the trick.....Of how to get out?