

April 2008 Song of the Month from www.nancymusic.com

The Birthday Train

Children love trains, and this song is a fun way to combine that with a birthday celebration!

Teachers: Let the birthday child be the engineer and lead the other children around the room. As children become familiar with the song, they can sing along.

Purchase an engineer cap for the birthday child to wear, or make a paper crown with a train on it for the birthday child to wear and keep. You can find a train pattern on my website in the 2006 Song of the Month archives

Sing the Felt Board Train song (and let the birthday child place the train pieces on the board

Parents: Have your child lead party guests around the room! Make felt trains ([link to Felt Board Train again](#)) for party favors at your child's birthday party. Package them in sandwich bags along with a CD of the Felt Board Train Song.

The Birthday Train

Hop on board the Birthday Train, we're goin' for a ride
You can make the wheels go round and round as on the tracks we glide
We all love the birthday train 'cause we can make it go
So hop on board the birthday train,
It goes fast or slow

CHORUS:

And it goes chug, chug-a-lug chug-a-lug-a-chug,
Chug-a-lug, chug-a-lug-a-chug
It goes chug, chug-a-lug chug-a-lug-a-chug,
Chug-a-lug, chug-a-lug-a-chug

Ridin' on the Birthday Train is an easy thing to do
You can be the engineer, I'll ride the caboose
We can ride most anywhere 'cause we don't even need a track
And when our birthday ride is done
We'll take the train on back

CHORUS:

And it goes chug, chug-a-lug chug-a-lug-a-chug,
Chug-a-lug, chug-a-lug-a-chug
It goes chug, chug-a-lug chug-a-lug-a-chug,
Chug-a-lug, chug-a-lug-a-chug

Celebrating Holi

CHORUS:

Children in India, celebrating Holi
Celebrating Holi, and the coming of spring
Families in India gather with their neighbors
Celebrating Holi and the coming of spring

Dancing and singing, and sweets made for eating
Laughing and welcoming the coming of spring (chorus)

Painted in the colors, the colors of the rainbow
Dancing in the colors, the colors of spring (chorus)

ASL signs

Celebrating:

Fist held up making circles as if holding flags

Children:

Downturned hand moves across in front of body as if patting children on their heads

Colors:

Fingertips of the right hand palm facing body, are placed against the chin and wiggle back and forth.

Coming:

Natural sign. hand beckons

Dancing :

Downturned index and middle fingers of right "V" hand swing rhythmically back and forth over upturned left palm

Eating:

Closed right hand moves to mouth as if eating, repeat

Neighbors:

Use the sign for friends; index finger of left hand over index finger of right, cross, then reverse

Rainbow:

Right hand, palm facing signer, arcs in the air from left to right (as if tracing the colors in the sky)

Singing:

Right "5" hand palm facing left, is waved back and forth next to the left hand, as if conducting

Spring:

Right hand fingers pointed up, come up through left fist as if "growing" spread fingers as they emerge