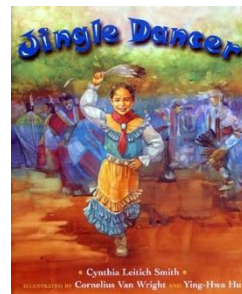


Jingle Dancer

Learning Ideas



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click on **Jingle Teacher Guides** for great ideas related to pre-reading, multiple intelligences and more.

Sound Play

The jingles on Jenna's dress make a *tink, tink* noise that is often compared to rain falling on a tin roof. Invite children to create and label their own special sounds by offering a variety of items to drop onto tin cookie sheets, pots and pans. Take a photo of each item (feather, bell, block, pom-pom, crayon etc.) and laminate. Create a simple graph with the words **quiet** and **loud** at the top of the chart. Encourage children to place photos of their dropped items under the appropriate word and count the totals.

Rhyming Fun

Highlight some of the interesting words used in the book and invite children to identify and produce rhyming words. For example: **tink-wink**, *blink, think, drink*; or **brum-drum**, *from, come, mom*.

Cooking with Kids

In the book, Jenna rolls dough to make and eat fry bread, deep-fried bread often topped with honey or jam. Model how to roll and flatten playdough to practice making 'pretend' fry bread. Now make some real fry bread with the children for a special snack. Copy the recipe onto a large poster, label the tools and ingredients, and introduce new vocabulary such as *flatten, knead, spread...*

This recipe and more can be found at:

<http://www.food.com/recipes/native-american-kid-friendly>

Quick and Easy Fry Bread

4 cups flour
8 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup dry milk powder
2 cups hot water



Directions:

1. Mix first 4 ingredients and add hot water.
2. Knead well.
3. Let stand 10 minutes.
4. Cut into desired size.
5. Fry in hot grease.

Spread jam or honey on top, or sprinkle with icing sugar.

Lacing Fun

The jingles on a Jingle Dancer's dress are often sewn onto ribbon. To support fine motor skills development and strengthen the small muscles of the hand, offer lengths of colourful ribbon to weave through the holes in a berry basket. If berry baskets are not available, punch holes in plastic lids from coffee cans or use laminated cardstock.



Adorable child jingle dress dancers:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfISj8M4Xl0>

The traditional jingle dress dance is characterized by the dress and light footwork danced close to the ground in a zigzag pattern. Place masking tape on the floor in a zigzag pattern and invite children to walk and hop while balancing on the tape.