Sing My Name!

When greeting or addressing children, use your singing voice to create a simple melody with your words. Encourage children to answer you in their singing voice too!

For example:

Teacher: "Can you sing your name for me?" Child: "My name is Abraham." Teacher: "Good morning (or Hello), Abraham."

It is best to sing in your **head voice**, which is higher in pitch, and has a lighter, lifted quality to it. This allows children to echo you in a key that is appropriate for their developing vocal cords.

Use the same melody each time you do this activity. For younger children, encourage them to sing their response with any melody they like; for added challenge, encourage children to echo you so that they sing their response with *your* melody!

More Support: When children are nonverbal or limited in their responses sing to them and encourage them to respond in their own way (e.g., hum, nod, signs).

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