



Song of the Month: March

Brand New Words

Familiar Tune: *If You're Happy and You Know It*

Task: Phoneme Addition

Note to Parent or Teacher: This song is a tribute to Theodor Seuss Geisel's (also known as Dr. Seuss) book, *Cat in the Hat*. The **Cat and the Hat** turns 50 on March 8, 2007. These words come from the book in the order presented. *Cat in the Hat* is published by Random House.

If you add /s/ to *it*, you have *sit*.
If you add /b/ to *it*, you have *bit*.
Now it's really not absurd,
You have made brand new words.
Your two brand new words are *sit* and *bit*.

If you add /c/ to *at*, you have *cat*.
If you add /h/ to *at*, you have *hat*.
Now it's really not absurd,
You have made brand new words.
Your two brand new words are *cat* and *hat*.

If you add /b/ to *all*, you have *ball*.
If you add /f/ to *all*, you have *fall*.
Now it's really not absurd,
You have made brand new words.
Your two brand new words are *ball* and *fall*.

Note: /s/, /b/, /c/, /h/, and /f/ represent the phonemes, or units of sound, for the letters *S, B, C, H, and F*.

Directions: Read the book several times before introducing and learning from the song. You may wish to write the rimes (*it*, *at*, and *all*) and letters that will form new words (*s*, *b*, *c*, *h*, *b* and *f*) on index cards so your young learner(s) can have a hands-on experience.

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