

There's A Hungry Caterpillar

There's a hungry caterpillar sitting next to me
Munching, crunching, eating his lunch
How many leaves today?

Four, four, four, four, four leaves today
Four, four, four, four, four leaves today
Munching, crunching, eating his lunch
Four leaves today

The number of leaves can be varied accordingly, either randomly, chosen by the children, or in sequential order.

A guiro or other hand percussion instrument can be played by a child to show the sound of the leaves being eaten.

Development and extension activities with hand percussion or a drum using the activities of playing, counting and listening are all excellent for embedding initial instrumental skills in early years.