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There are for each grade many more selections than can be used in any one year. The Pennsylvania Course of Study recommends that at least one selection be memorized each month. The New York Syllabus recommends that at least six of the selections be memorized during the year.

The compiler of these selections does not venture to advise as to the number that should be memorized, but he does venture the conviction that school children will understand, appreciate and love these beautiful poems and that their lives will be made better and richer because they study them early in life.

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FIRST GRADE

Bye, baby Bunting

Bye, Baby Bunting,
Father's gone a-hunting,
To get a little rabbit skin
To wrap the Baby Bunting in.

Rock-a-bye

Rock-a-bye, baby,
Upon the tree top;
When the wind blows
The cradle will rock;
When the bough breaks
The cradle will fall;
Down will come baby
And cradle and all.

Pat-a-cake

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake,
Baker's man!
So do I, master, as fast as I can.
Pat it, and prick it,
And mark it with B,
And put in the oven
For baby and me.