Nursery Rhyme Leads Activity

Directions: Below are popular nursery rhymes you may have heard during your childhood. For this activity, pretend that the stories are actual news events. Your task:

* Select 8 nursery rhymes from the list.
* For each of your chosen 8 nursery rhymes, write one lead (a 1-2 sentence beginning of an article that highlights as many as the 5Ws and 1H as possible). **Do not make your lead sound like the nursery rhyme. Leads should not rhyme!**
* NOTE: If the nursery rhyme does not include the who, what, where, when, why or how, you may make it up for this activity ONLY.

Example:

 Despite their best efforts, the king’s men were unable to repair Humpty Dumpty after he fell off the Great Wall of China on Tuesday night.

**LONDON BRIDGE IS FALLING DOWN**

London Bridge is falling down,
Falling down, Falling down.

London Bridge is falling down,
My fair lady.

Take a key and lock her up,
Lock her up, Lock her up.

Take a key and lock her up,
My fair lady.

How will we build it up,
Build it up, Build it up?

How will we build it up,
My fair lady?

Build it up with silver and gold,
Silver and gold, Silver and gold.

Build it up with silver and gold,
My fair lady.

Gold and silver I have none,
I have none, I have none.

Gold and silver I have none,
My fair lady.

Build it up with needles and pins,
Needles and pins, Needles and pins.

Build it up with needles and pins,
My fair lady.

Pins and needles bend and break,
Bend and break, Bend and break.

Pins and needles bend and break,
My fair lady.

Build it up with wood and clay,
Wood and clay, Wood and clay.

Build it up with wood and clay,
My fair lady.

Wood and clay will wash away,
Wash away, Wash away.

Wood and clay will wash away,
My fair lady.

Build it up with stone so strong,
Stone so strong, Stone so strong.

Build it up with stone so strong,
My fair lady.

Stone so strong will last so long,
Last so long, Last so long.

Stone so strong will last so long,
My fair lady.

**PETER, PETER PUMPKIN EATER**

Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater,
Had a wife and couldn't keep her.
He put her in a pumpkin shell
And there he kept her, very well.

**OLD MOTHER HUBBARD**

Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the cupboard
To fetch her poor dog a bone;
But when she came there
The cupboard was bare,
And so the poor dog had none. She took a clean dish
To get him some tripe;
But when she came back
He was smoking a pipe.
She went to the grocer's
To buy him some fruit;
But when she came back
He was playing the flute. She went to the baker's
To buy him some bread;
But when she came back
The poor dog was dead. She went to the undertaker's
To buy him a coffin;
But when she came back
The poor dog was laughing. She went to the hatter's
To buy him a hat;
But when she came back
He was feeding the cat. The dame made a curtsey,
The dog made a bow;
The dame said, "Your servant."
The dog said, "Bow wow!"

**LITTLE MISS MUFFET**

Little Miss Muffet, sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey;
Along came a spider,
Who sat down beside her
And frightened Miss Muffet away.

**HICKORY, DICKORY, DOCK**

Hickory, dickory, dock,
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down!
Hickory, dickory, dock.

**JACK BE NIMBLE**

Jack, be nimble,
Jack, be quick,
Jack, jump over
The candlestick.

Jack jumped high
Jack jumped low
Jack jumped over
and burned his toe.

**THERE WAS A MAID ON SCRABBLE HILL**

There was a maid on Scrabble Hill,
And, if not dead, she lives there still.
She grew so tall, she reached the sky,
And on the moon hung clothes to dry

**HUSH-A-BYE BABY**

Hush-a-bye, baby, in the tree top.
When the wind blows, the cradle will rock.
When the bough breaks, the cradle will fall,
And down will come baby, cradle and all.

**HUMPTY DUMPTY**

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again!

**MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB**

Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb. Mary had a little lamb, Its fleece was white as snow.

Everywhere that Mary went, Mary went,
Mary went. Everywhere that Mary went, The lamb was sure to go.

It followed her to school one day, school one day, school one day. It followed her to school one day, Which was against the rules.

It made the children laugh and play, laugh and play, laugh and play. It made the children laugh and play, To see a lamb at school.