



**Let's Sing a Lullaby with the Brave Cowboy** by Jan Thomas

### **Other Cowboy and Western Books:**

Pecos Bill by Steven Kellogg

Cowboy and Octopus by John Scieszka

The Cowboy ABC by Chris Demarest

Sixteen Cows by Lisa Wheeler

The Three Little Javelins by Susan Lowell

Dusty Locks and the Three Little Bears by Susan Lowell

Lasso Lou and Cowboy McCoy Barbara Larmon Failing

Cowboy Up! by Larry Dane Brimmer

### **Rhymes/Fingerplays**

*Cowboy Pokey (Sung like I'm a Little Teapot)*

I'm a little cowboy. Here is my hat (point to self, then to hat)

Here are my spurs (point to your heels)

And here are my chaps (pat legs)

As soon as I get up, (stretch, pretend to wake up)

I work all day (pretend to lasso a cow)

I get on my horse (pretend to get on a horse)

And ride away. (Pretend to gallop on a horse)

*Ten Little Cowboys*

Ten little cowboys (hold up 10 fingers)

Standing in a row-

When they see the foreman

They bow just so- (bend fingers down)

They ride to the left (hands move left)

And they ride to the right (move hands to right)

And then they shut their eyes

And sleep all night. (put cheek on hands)

## **Games**

1. Pin the Tail on the Donkey
2. Cow Herding (Place different animals around the room and go on a short scavenger hunt. For each animal found say the name out loud, the letter of the animal, and the letter of the animal).
3. Gallop Like a Horse (A great activity to get children moving. Teaching children what galloping is and how they can saddle their horse. Play some western music and have them start galloping. Stop music and have them freeze.)
4. Snake in my Boot (Make several boots out of paper or other material and have the kids take turns hiding the snake in a boot and have the rest of them guess where it is located. Say the letter for snake and the sound it makes)

## **Activities**

1. Paper bag horse: Use a paper bag, a horse template, crayons, glue, and wiggly eyes, and assemble.
2. Horseshoe prints: sponge, brown paint (or any color), and construction paper. Cutout the shape of a horseshoe using the sponge and then have kids stamp it with paint and then on the paper.
3. Cowboy hat: Find a cowboy hat template using the following website:  
[http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft\\_themes/Wearables/easypaperhat/easypaperhat.html](http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft_themes/Wearables/easypaperhat/easypaperhat.html), include glue, crayons, heavy cardstock to print the template out, scissors (if an older crowd), and things to decorate the hat with.
4. Cowboy Guitar: Find a shoebox or a rectangle tissue box, cut an oval in the middle, attach a paper towel or wrapping paper size cardboard roll to the top, and cut rubber bands and stretch them from one end to the other, use glue or tape to attach, then decorate.