

Music with Ms. Jan Songs for May

For Mother's Day we will learn. *May There Always Be Sunshine*. The lyrics and movements are simple and easy to remember: May there always be sunshine, may there always be blue skies, may there always be Mama, (and Papa) May there always be me. The song is in English, French, Spanish, and Russian.

I will share a lovely book and song titled In My Grandmother's Garden written by Kit Eakle, a local bay area songwriter. His mother is an artist and illustrates the story with her art. The song tells the story of his niece's memory of spending time gathering flowers from garden and painting them with her grandmother.

The Goldfish Song is from Japan and includes hand motions that illustrate the words.

Here is a mountain, here is a valley, in between them is a wide field of grain. Then a sweet potato, then a little bean. Look look, now we have a goldfish too. This song is on my album "Sing-a-Song with Jan Volume 4 Around the World. Contact me if you are interested in getting any of my recordings. jan.hersh@gmail.com

Other songs for the month and end of the year are *What a Wonderful World* (with illustrated book) *This Land is Your Land* (also with book), *Baby Beluga*, *She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain*, and *Miss Mary Mack*. Red Grammer's *See me Beautiful* and other songs from his wonderful album, *Bucket of Light*.

For the eldest children we will sing Gary Lapow's *Look in a Book*, a song that encourages the value of reading.