Phonemic Awareness Activities

1. **Rhyme Time**- Play rhyming “I Spy”. Look around your house and say, “I Spy with my little eye something that rhymes with pouch.” The child looks around the room and says, “couch.”
2. **Clapping the Grocery Items** – Pull some grocery items from your cabinets or refrigerator. Choose one item and clap the syllables or parts of the item. For example, “cel-er-y”, has three syllables and “milk” has one syllable. Ask your child, “How many times did we clap?”
3. **Guess My New Word** – Give your child a compound word and ask them what is left when you take one part of the word away. For example, “If you start out with a cupcake and you take away the cup, what’s left?” Some compound words that you can use are: starfish, football, downstairs, uphill, bathroom, campground, touchdown, friendship, snowman, etc.