

## La Fruta

Using visuals while teaching new vocabulary is effective, while it helps children to make connections and encourages language development.

**Teach La Fruta** by using the award winning Eric Carle's The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We found simple fruit templates, cut them out, colored them, and attached them to popsicle sticks for easy handling. Children will love interacting with you as the story comes alive with the hands on visuals. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the order of the food that caterpillar eats. Key phrases to reinforce throughout the activity are:

- Tiene hambre- it's hungry
- Come 2 peras- It eats 2 pears... etc.
- Counting and colors can be continually identified throughout the story.
- Ask kids ¿te gusta? For each fruit to reinforce likes and dislikes.
- Retell the story several times so that children have the opportunity to hold and identify different fruit vocabulary.



## La Fruta Song

This is a simple song that promotes pronunciation and fluency practice. Sung to the tune of Frere Jacques, simply use plastic fruit for visuals. Take turns having children be the leaders of the song and point to fruit while singing.

Lyrics:

Fresa, naranja (2x), manzana, limón ( 2x) pltano y uvas ( 2x), cereza, pera ( 2x)

Check out the very simple song here:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwQaleXNY\\_c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwQaleXNY_c)

