

EDUCATIONAL MOMENTS by CATEGORY - *The Songs of Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate*

HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY

- *1717 (Black Sam Bellamy)* – a story ripped from the pages of history
- *Anne Bonny* – famous Pirate Woman who sailed with Calico Jack and Mary Read.
- *Black Snake Tale* – Pirates/Smugglers on Lake Champlain in the early 1800s
- *Blackbeard's Blues* – not a lot is known about Blackbeard (there is even disagreement on whether his last name was Teach or Thatch) so this song is historical fiction. *Blackbeard's Blues (beachside)* is a silly take on the same song.
- *Feats of Jean Lafitte* – story of a Pirate/Smuggler/Slaver who fought alongside Andrew Jackson in The Battle of New Orleans delivered with a little silliness.
- *Pirates and Privateers* – brief portraits of Blackbeard, Sir Francis Drake, Captain Henry Morgan, and Anne Bonny
- *Rock the Plank* – contains the line “by the Outer Banks where Blackbeard sank” referring to the place in North Carolina where Blackbeard made his last stand, references longitude and latitude, and directions on a ship (stem to stern)

WORDPLAY / LETTERS

- *Eight Pieces of Eight* – references to eight and eight said in other languages, with math added in, plus a little history
- *FP Rap (F-R-I-E-N-D-L-Y)* – spelling of Friendly, with boatloads of cultural and nautical references
- *Gator's Gotta Go* – various ways to say goodbye with different phrases and in different languages
- *Give Me an RRR!* – words with the R sound
- *I'm the Friendly Pirate* – repeat-after-me words including onomatopoeia
- *Little Ditty* – different words for small
- *Pearl the Purple Pirate Princess* – alliteration and colors
- *Pirates of the Mayo* – a made-up language explained in the bridge of the song, it also name-checks the famous Irish Pirate Grace O'Malley and the book Rime of the Ancient Mariner
- *Polly Ester Pants* – humor appreciated by grandchildren and by grandparents
- *Scarlett Maroon* – a sensitive young woman is “marooned” in her emotional world, with various references to the color red
- *Without the R* – what happens to certain words when they lose the letter R
- *The Word Pirate* – spells out four 6 letter words
- *Your Friends* – use of your/you're/yore

USE of IMAGINATION

- *The Flying Pirate Circus* – it's a circus on a Pirate Ship, after all (see the book of the same name)
- *Mud Puddle Pirates* – “a stick is a ship, a leaf is a sail” etc.
- *Scottish Lochs and Florida Keys* – “misty days and crystal seas, let me see what I can be”, “highlands, lowlands, in between, show me each and every scene”

NURSERY RHYME PARODIES

Bad Bad Blackbeard, Itsy Bitsy Pirate, Row Yer Boat, Twinkle Twinkle Little StaRRR

HOLIDAYS / SPECIAL DAYS

- *Buccaneer Bells* – non-religious holiday song
- *Dad's Alright, He's a Pirate* – Father's Day
- *Mother of Pearl* – Mothers Day
- *Pirate Birthday PaRRRty!* – Birthday Party song
- *We RRR the Pirate People* – party song

VALUES / LESSONS

- *Friend Ship* – describes friendship
- *I Lub Me Land Lubber* – an environmentally aware love song
- *I'm the Friendly Pirate*
- *Oona-Unihook* – a Pirate Unicorn who realizes it's ok to be different and has support from Parents, Friends, Coaches, and Teachers
- *Safe Harbor* – gives a sense of safety
- *Scurvy Dog and Scaredy Cat* – friends onboard a ship
- *Seven C's* – Courtesy, Compassion, Courage, Cleanliness, Cleverness, Cheerfulness, and Charity
- *There Are Tall Ships* – accept differences, realize friendships
- *Welcome Aboard* – greeting that lets everyone know that they are welcome onboard

MOTIONS

- *Anne Bonny* – raise your hands when you hear a word that begins with the letter B and put them down when you're the next word that begins with B, and repeat as necessary
- *Bow to the Bow* – the directions on a ship set up as a Line Dance
- *Buccaneer Bounce* – act out the various motions
- *FP Dance* – act out the various motions
- *Hook Me Up* – featuring various handshakes and few other movements
- *Oona Uni-hook* - act out lines from the chorus
- *Polly Ester Pants* – make parrot wings whenever you hear the name Polly
- *Seven C's* – Courtesy, Compassion, Courage, Cleanliness, Cleverness, Cheerfulness, and Charity with motions
- *Shark in the Dark* – put a shark fin on your head when you hear the word Shark

ANTHROPOMORPHISM / CREATURES

- *Bones of Jonesy Davy* – a skeleton warns of the dangers at sea
- *Flotsam and Jetsam* – a ships' wreckage are given human traits
- *Magical Mermaid Parade* – mermaids are one thing, a parade of them is another
- *The Ocean Moans* – “song of the whale and a crab with a fiddle”
- *Oona Uni-hook* – a variation of a mythical creature with classmates and teachers
- *Polly Esther Pants* – a bird in pants? A bird in diapers (I guess it just depends)?
- *Scurvy Dog and Scaredy Cat* – “Scurvy wore Miranda's bananas, Scaredy wore the cat's pajamas”
- *Shark in the Dark* – a shark that goes “BOO!”

FAMILY of ROCKIN' RON THE FRIENDLY PIRATE

Dad's Alright - He's a Pirate, Me Aunties Sang Chanteys, Mother of Pearl, Pearl the Purple Pirate Princess (sister), Silver Long Johns aka Cranky Pirate (cousin)