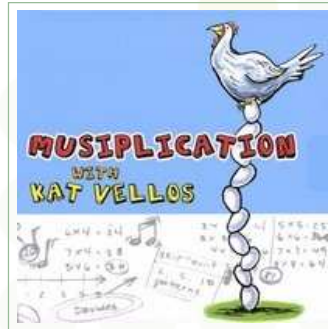


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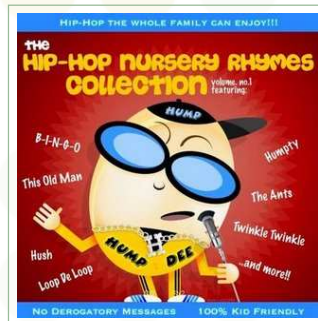
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A sudden surge in hip hop for kids warrants a review-a-thon!



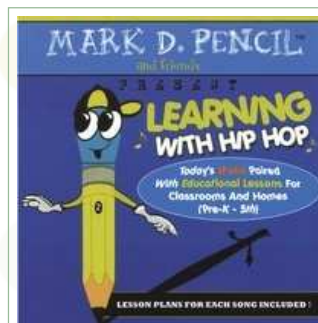
[Kat Vello, *Musiplication*](#)

Smooooooth math lessons via hip hop, thanks in great part to [Batsauce](#), Jacksonville, Florida's underground beatmaster. Seattleite Kat Vello and Britt Traynham (aka Batsauce) have created an album of very listenable tunes featuring the numbers one through ten. If you like production from the "dusty ol' record" school, or you like Dignable Planets and Arrested Development, this disc is definitely for you and yours.



[Various Artists, *Hip-Hop Nursery Rhymes Collection, Vol. 1*](#)

Executive produced by DC Metro-based Ben Tynes, this CD presents classic nursery rhymes backed with spare, late'80s beats. Oldies like "Humpty Dumpty," "Old King Cole," "B-I-N-G-O," and "There Was an Old Lady" are given a funky fresh makeover. Check out the updated "Grand Duke of New York," which includes NYC locales like Brownsville and Sugar Hill in telling a young boy's success story.



[Mark D. Pencil, *Learning with Hip Hop*](#)

Atlanta, Georgia's Brett Schieber follows state curriculum standards to create an album full of songs about simple math and reading practice, following directions, physical exercises, and cleaning up the classroom. The CD starts off on a decidedly acoustic foot, then about track four, the beat drrrrrops on "Numbers Help Me Count."

Funky, fun, and perfect for the early elementary grades. Comes with downloadable lesson plans and coloring pages.

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