Here’s What I Learned
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Objectives: Steady Beat
Recall
Describing events, concepts, experiences

Procedure:

1. Leader chants, with motions:

Here’s what I learned (roll hands)
Oh yeah (point with right hand)
Here’s what I learned (roll hands)
Oh yeah (point with left hand)
Here’s what I learned (roll hands)
In our lesson today (tap knees with both hands)

2. Repeat. Invite children to join motions and the chant.

3. Invite children to recall what was done in the lesson. A quick review by the leader may be helpful in some cases. Follow up each answer with intentional questions, inviting children to think more deeply.

4. Depending on how many children will be invited to speak and how long the desired answers will be, use the chant between answers or hear several answers before repeating. The chant will create focus and participation points before and during the discussion.