Balloon drum

You will need:

- ❖ Juice can, oatmeal box, or empty round food container
- ❖ 2 large balloons
- ❖ 2 heavy rubber bands
- ❖ 2 unsharpened pencils with erasers

How to:

1. Open both ends of the container to make the drum body.
2. Cut the small end off the balloons: this is the drum skin.
3. Stretch the closed end of the balloon over the drum body.
4. Hold the balloon in place with the rubber band and smooth out any wrinkles.
5. Repeat the previous steps to make the opposite end of the drum.
6. Use the pencils as drum sticks.
7. Use the eraser end of the pencil on the drum (Note: Do not sharpen the pencils).

Jingle stick

You will need:

- ❖ A 30 cm (14 inch) stick, a wooden spoon or some straws taped together
- ❖ Ribbon, string, cotton or tape
- ❖ Bells, things that jingle and jangle

How to:

1. Attach bells to top of stick with ribbon, string, cotton or tape.
2. Jingle and jangle.

Maracas

You will need:

- ❖ Plastic containers with lid (screw top is best)
- ❖ Rice, beans, sand, lentils*
- ❖ Strong tape
- ❖ Ribbon decorations

How to:

1. Fill plastic container a third full with one of the above fillings.
2. Tape firmly.
3. Decorate and shake.

* Use different fillings for different sounds.

Tambourines

You will need:

- ❖ Two paper plates per tambourine
- ❖ Rice, beans, lentils
- ❖ Stapler and tape
- ❖ Decorations

How to:

1. Staple (or tape) paper plates together leaving a small opening.
2. Fill with rice, beans or lentils.
3. Tape opening closed.
4. Decorate and shake.

Ankle bells

You will need:

- ❖ Two-sided Velcro tape available from garden or sewing suppliers
- ❖ Small bells available from craft or dollar stores
- ❖ Needle and thread

How to:

1. Cut a length of two sided Velcro tape about 15 cm (6 inches) long.
2. Attach 2 or 3 bells to the tape using a needle and thread.
3. Attach around your child's ankle.

IDEA: If you are unable to find two-sided Velcro tape, sew two 8 cm (3½ inch) pieces of Velcro together, putting the hook and furry sides opposite.