Vowels

Foundations for Literacy

The Vowel Song-

Old MacDonald had some vowels.
a, e, i, o, u
And on his farm he had short
a, e, i, o, u
With an, here.
And an, there.
Here, There Everywhere,
Old MacDonald had some vowels.
a, e, i, o, u

Sounds and Motions

- ă- Hold an imaginary ăpple up to your wide-open mouth (as if you're getting ready to take a bite) and say ă like in ăpple.
- ĕ- Point your finger to your nose and curve it downward and up again to make an imaginary elephant's trunk. Say ĕ as in ĕlephant.
- ĭ- Pinch your pointer finger and your thumb together. Wrinkle your nose and pretend to hold an ĭcky worm away from you. Say ĭ as in "It's ĭcky!"
- ŏ- Open your mouth like an opera singer and move your pointer finger around your lips to make a letter o. Sing ŏ like an opera singer.
- й- Thump your chest with an open hand like a gorilla and say й.