For the Parent

Here is information I came across in my research about the three following nursery rhymes in particular. I hope it saves you some time! :) 

Blessings!

Heather

A Dillar, A Dollar

Tom and Leif, A ‘diller’ according to the New Geordie Dictionary (the dialect spoken by Geordies – natives of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England) by Graham is an ‘unwilling scholar,’ – a lazy student who isn’t too excited about having to do the work required of him. In the above Mother Goose nursery rhyme (circa 1760) an unwilling and ‘unpunctual’ student is being chastised for his tardiness and this nursery rhyme had, in fact, become a children’s chant used to chide a student who was late for school.


Baa, Baa, Black Sheep

"Baa, Baa, Black Sheep" is an English nursery rhyme, the earliest surviving version of which dates from 1731. The words have changed little in two and a half centuries. It is sung to a variant of the 1761 French melody Ah! Vous dirai-je, Maman. Uncorroborated theories that have been advanced to explain the meaning of the rhyme. These include that it is a complaint against Medieval English taxes on wool and that it is about the slave trade.

Source - Wikipedia

Hey Diddle Diddle

There are numerous theories about the origin of the rhyme, these include: James Orchard Halliwell’s suggestion that it was a corruption of ancient Greek, probably advanced as a result of a deliberate hoax; that it was connected with Hathor worship; that it refers to various constellations (Taurus, Canis minor, the Big Dipper etc.); that it describes the Flight from Egypt; that it depicts Elizabeth, Lady Katherine Grey, and her relationships with the earls of Hertford and Leicester; that it deals with anti-clerical feeling over injunctions by Catholic priests for harder work; that it describes Katherine of Aragon (Katherine la Fidèle); Catherine, the wife of Peter the Great; Canton de Fidèle, a supposed governor of Calais and the game of cat (trap-ball).[1] This profusion of unsupported explanations was satirised by J.R.R. Tolkien in his fictional explanations of ‘The Man in the Moon Stayed Up Too Late’. [4] Most scholarly commentators consider these unproven and that the verse is probably meant to be simply nonsense. [1] The melody commonly associated with the rhyme was first recorded by the composer and nursery rhyme collector James William Elliott in his National Nursery Rhymes and Nursery Songs (1870). [3]

Source- Wikipedia
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Color the picture below of children late for their lessons.

Mother Goose is a part of our English heritage!

A dillar, a dollar,

A ten-o'clock scholar,

What makes you come so soon?

You used to come at ten-o'clock,

And now you come at noon.
Baa, Baa, Black Sheep

Draw, color, paint or paper craft about this nursery rhyme.

Bah, Bah, Black Sheep

Bah, Bah a black Sheep,
Have you any Wool?
Yes merry have I,
Three Bags full,
One for my master,
One for my Dame,
One for the little Boy
That lives down the lane.
Hey Diddle Diddle

Draw, color, paint or paper craft about this nursery rhyme.

Hey diddle diddle,
The Cat and the fiddle,
The Cow jumped over the moon,
The little Dog laughed
To see such craft,
And the Dish ran away with the Spoon.

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![Image of children being late for lessons]

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