What’s the First Sound? Song

Sing to the Tune of “Old McDonald Had a Farm”
Remember, when a letter is shown like this, /t/, say the sound the letter makes. Sing the verses below and then make up your own.

What’s the sound that starts these words: table, toe, and ten? (Child responds, /t/).
With a /t/, /t/, here and a /t/, /t/ there.
Here a /t/, there a /t/, everywhere a /t/, /t/.
/t/ is the sound that starts these words:

What’s the sound that starts these words: sunshine, snow, and sit? (Child responds, /s/).
With a /s/, /s/, here and a /s/, /s/ there.
Here a /s/, there a /s/, everywhere a /s/, /s/.
/s/ is the sound that starts these words:

What’s the sound that starts these words: apple, ant, and ask? (Child responds, /ă/).
With a /ă/, /ă/, here and a /ă/, /ă/ there.
Here a /ă/, there a /ă/, everywhere a /ă/, /ă/.
/ă/ is the sound that starts these words:

What’s the sound that starts these words: insect, itch, and if? (Child responds, /ĭ/).
With a /ĭ/, /ĭ/, here and a /ĭ/, /ĭ/ there.
Here a /ĭ/, there a /ĭ/, everywhere a /ĭ/, /ĭ/.
/ĭ/ is the sound that starts these words:

Add a Sound to Make a New Word

You: Say ox.
Child: Ox.
You: Add /f/ to ox. What word does it make?
Child: Fox.
You: Yes! We put a new sound on the beginning and made a new word!

You: Say ice.
Child: Ice.
You: Add /m/ to ice. What word does it make?
Child: Mice.
You: Yes! We put a new sound on the beginning and made a new word!

You: Say at.
Child: At.
You: Add /s/ to at. What word does it make?
Child: Sat.
You: Yes! We put a new sound on the beginning and made a new word!

You: Say ring.
Child: Ring.
You: Add /st/ to ring. What word does it make?
Child: String.
You: Yes! We put two new sounds on the beginning and made a new word!

You: Say mile.
Child: Mile.
You: Add /s/ to mile. What word does it make?
Child: Smile.
You: Yes! We put a new sound on the beginning and made a new word!