



Share a book everyday to create a reader for a lifetime!



Title: Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type

Author: Doreen Cronin **Illustrator:** Betsy Lewin

Book Summary: The cows send Farmer Brown a letter asking for blankets. What will the hens and ducks ask for in their letters?

Before Reading: *use the following conversation starters to engage your child's interest in the book.*

To generate interest in the book, ask your child which animal "moos." Ask him/her about other animal sounds. Do any animals make a "click, clack" sound?

To develop book awareness, explain to your child what an author and illustrator do. Would s/he like to write or draw pictures to create a book?

During Reading: *use the following ideas to keep your child actively engaged in the book sharing.*

To engage in interactive play, encourage your child to repeat the "click, clack moo" phrase after you read it. Ask him/her to say it quietly or loudly, standing on tiptoes or with arms in the air.

To discuss the illustrations, point out the variations in the coloring used to show day and night. Discuss the different activities that your child does during the daytime and nighttime to personalize his/her learning.

After Reading: *use the following activities to extend your book sharing experience.*

To develop prediction skills, ask your child what s/he thinks a pig or a horse might request in a letter to Farmer Brown. What would s/he ask for?

To promote creativity, encourage your child to draw a picture of the farm during the day. What would the colors be? What would the animals be doing? Then draw a picture of the farm during the night. How would the pictures be different? How would they be the same?

To introduce the concept of rhyming words, sing songs with your child. Explain to your child that "Old McDonald Had a Farm" has rhyming words. Make up your own silly rhymes like "the duck rode in a truck." Rhyming is an important early literacy concept.

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