



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



Title: Rooster's Off to See the World

Author and Illustrator: Eric Carle

Book Summary: One morning a rooster sets off to see the world. Along the way, he is joined by new friends. But when it starts to get dark, one by one, each group heads home, including the rooster.

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

To stimulate your child's interest, ask your child to look at the picture. Use open-ended questions to encourage him/her to talk about the rooster and where he might go.

To develop book awareness, talk with your child about what the words "author" and "illustrator" mean. Explain that this book was written and illustrated by the same person.. Eric Carle's books have been translated into more than 55 languages.

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

To develop the concepts of colors and counting, Eric Carle uses vivid colors in these illustrations and introduces number sets, addition, and subtraction.

To work on vocabulary, discuss new words your child may not be familiar with as you read together. For example– travel, wandered, eager, snapped, delighted, complained, and homesick.

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

To develop gross motor skills, go for a walk with your child. Play follow the leader with movements and sounds of animals and birds you see. Take turns with your child being the leader. It builds trust and turn-taking.

To encourage conversations, ask your child open-ended questions to develop verbal skills. Repeat what your child says and add details. For example, if your child says, "The turtle crawled," you can respond, "Yes, the green turtle crawled slowly home."

To stimulate creativity, provide your child with paper and crayons. Ask your child to write and illustrate a story about where s/he wants to go. Would anyone join the trip? Who would go— animals, friends, family? Encourage your child to use bright, vivid colors!

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