

Giggle, Giggle, Quack

by Doreen Cronin

A funny sequel to the Caldecott Honor book *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type*. Clever and warm with illustrations rich in detail.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *If you could be a farm animal, which animal would you want to be?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an “I wonder” statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder if that duck can write with his bill?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out “rare words” (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in *Giggle, Giggle, Quack*

- instructions: a written statement of what must be done
- snickers: to laugh disrespectfully at somebody or something
- anchovy: the flesh of a small silvery ocean fish salted and canned in oil
- sensitive: easily damaged or irritated
- influence: the power to affect how others think

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What do you think Farmer Brown’s brother Bob does for a living? Is he a farmer, too? How can you tell?
- Has your Mom or Dad ever left you with someone else?
- Have you ever had anchovies on your pizza?
- What do you notice about the blankets that the animals are sleeping under?
- What would be the hardest thing about giving a bath to a pig?
- What other kinds of tricks could Duck have played on Bob?
- When you stay with someone else (babysitter, grandma, etc.), do they let you do things or eat foods that your Mom and Dad don’t?
- What do you think Farmer Brown is going to do when he gets home?

Do

Dear Farmer Brown...

Help the children write notes to Farmer Brown like Duck did. You can make a template (copy the illustration of Duck with the note in his bill on the last page of the story) or use sticky notes.

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