

WISCONSIN BOOKWORMS™

Activity Sheet



"Book! Book! Book!"

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When the children leave the farm to go back to school, the bored barnyard animals head to the library in search of something to do. The confused librarian doesn't understand what the animals want since she doesn't speak cow or horse. But then a determined hen flaps in and clucks, "Book! Book! Book!" Soon everyone is back on the farm having a story hour of their own.

Before you read this book: Practice making animal noises. Make sure to include a horse, cow, goat, pig, duck, hen and frog.

While you read this book: Have each child try to "speak" to the librarian using the animals' sounds as you get to that part of each page.

After you read this book: Talk about what kinds of things we can do when we feel bored. Try to get them to come up with inside and outside activities.

Try this at home: Show them the different items they'll use at school one day – pencils, erasers, glue sticks, plastic rulers and safety scissors. Explain how we use each item. Make your own "back-to-school" mobile. Materials needed: one hanger, string and various school supplies. Have children choose what school supplies they want to tie onto their hanger. Show them what happens when one end is heavy and one is light, then help them choose items to balance the hanger.

Enjoy more books about farms: "Baby Animals," "The Carrot Seed," "The Cow That Went Oink," "Old MacDonald Had a Farm," "Good Morning Chick" and "Early Morning in the Barn"

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