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Activity Sheet



"Millie Waits for the Mail" By Alexander Steffensmeier

Millie is unlike most other cows. She chews her cud and grazes in the fields with the others, but she doesn't enjoy that nearly as much as she loves scaring the mail carrier. It's too bad the mail carrier doesn't have as much fun each time Millie comes up with a new way to surprise him. Who knew delivering the mail was going to be such a difficult job?

Before you read this book: Ask if each child knows their address. Do they know what town or city they live in? Talk about how a letter is mailed. "How does it get from my house to grandma's house or my friend's house?" What are an envelope, a stamp and an address?

After you read this book: Talk about how special it feels to receive a letter. How would they feel if they received a letter? Who do they know that they would love to receive a letter?

Try this at home: Parent's activity: Write a letter to each of your children and mail it to them one week before you read this book. After you read the book, talk about how it felt to receive a letter in the mail. Then have each child dictate a letter to someone they love. Put it in an envelope, seal it, stamp it and walk it to the mailbox.

Enjoy more books with a similar theme: "My Mother the Mail Carrier," "What a Wonderful Day to Be a Cow," "Once Upon MacDonald's Farm," "The Zebra-Riding Cowboy," "Millie in the Snow" and "Milk"

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