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Activity Sheet



Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Betsy Lewin

"Click Clack Moo" is a silly story about cows and hens. Farmer Brown has a problem with them. His cows like to type. All day long he hears "click, clack, moo. Click, clack, moo. Clickety, clack, moo." The animals negotiate with Farmer Brown for electric blankets, communicating by typing notes on an old typewriter. They go on strike, refusing to give milk and eggs, until Duck mediates a solution.

Before you read this book, tell your children this is a story about cows who refuse to give milk and hens who refuse to lay eggs unless their farmer gives them electric blankets. The cows type notes to the farmer on a typewriter. Now read the story about how they communicate with the farmer.

While you read this book, invite the kids to repeat "click, clack, moo" with you. Point out the words on the notes the cows and hens and ducks write.

After you read this book, play a animal sound game. Ask different kids to make different animal sounds (moo, oink, cluck, quack, neigh, etc.) with different emotions...happy, sad, scared, sleepy, etc. See if the other kids can guess how the animal feels ("Is the cow happy?").

Or, bring in an old typewriter to show the kids. How does it work?
Let everyone have a chance to try the typewriter.

Check out this other great book by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin

Giggle, Giggle, Quack This time, it's the power of a pencil and the now-infamous wit of one determined Duck that keeps the farm (and young readers) in stitches.

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