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Activity Sheet



Duck on a Bike

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One day down on the farm Duck got a wild idea. "I bet I could ride a bike!" he thought. From Sheep to Horse, to Chicken to Goat, everyone in the barnyard has something to say about Duck's zany idea. But what are they really thinking? And what will happen next?

Before you read this book: Find out if there are bikes, tricycles or Big Wheels at the school. Bring in a bike bell, helmet, handlebar streamers and other bike props for your story.

Ask your kids if they have ever seen a duck on a bike. How about a cow?

While you read this book: Pause when you get to the pictures of the animals looking at the bikes. Ask "What do you think is going to happen next? Then, be sure to look at all the different types of bicycles — tricycle, tandem bike, a bike with training wheels.

Reading Tip: Stop to ask thinking questions: "What might happen next? Where did he go? Why did she do that?"

After you read this book: If your school has bikes, go outside and ride!

Make handlebar streamers. Using strips of ribbon and tape, let your kids make streamers to decorate their bikes. Be sure to have lots of different colors.

At home: Learn about bicycle safety and go for a family bike ride. Even riding in a local empty parking lot is fun.

Point out print everywhere. Talk about the written words you see in the world around you and respond with interest to your child's questions about words. Ask him or her to find a new word every time you go on an outing.

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Extend the fun with these other books about ducks: *Stewie the Duck Learns to Swim* by Kimberly Leonard, Stew Leonard, Lawrence E. Shapiro and Vicky Lowe; *What Do Ducks Dream* by Harriet Ziefert and Donald Saaf

And these books about bikes: *Franklin Rides a Bike (Franklin)* by Paulette Bourgeois and Brenda Clark; *Curious George Rides a Bike* by H.A. and Margret Rey; *Froggy Rides a Bike* by Jonathan London and Frank Remkiewicz.

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