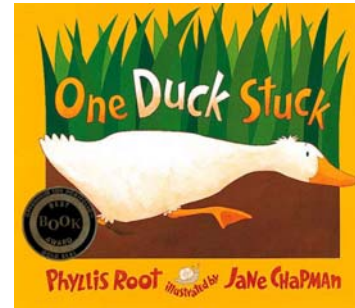


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Additional Read Aloud Fun

The most important part of reading to your child is having fun and enjoying the story. Children fall in love with books because of the memories created when they snuggle up and read with someone they love.



There are many ways to enjoy a book with your child. Read the book together, and then try some of the fun tips listed below. Many things happen in a good book that can help your child's growing mind. Here are some ideas to help your child understand the story better, learn something new, or make them laugh a little louder. What's most important is the child's love of the book; so don't worry if some of the ideas below don't work for you and your child – the most important thing is to have fun! Happy Reading!

Learning Numbers

Help your child learn numbers (or reinforce numbers) by pointing to the number on the page as you say it. If they know their numbers or if they get to know the book, point to the number and ask the child to guess it and say it. Your child will be delighted when they get it right. If they don't know the numbers, don't worry! Reading this book and making a show of reading the numbers louder and pointing them out can only help your child get ready for numbers.

Count the Animals

There are pictures of the animals beside each number. If the number is two, there are two animals pictured. If the number is three, there are three animals pictured. Point to the number on the page and then count the animals. "This is the number four. Can we count four crickets? 1,2,3,4!" You can also move to the picture on the right and find and count all four crickets.

Say it Loud

One of the many great things about this book is the repeated words and phrases. Once you have read the book several times, your child may remember those repeated words and phrases. Let her say the, "Help! Help!" and the "We Can! We Can!"

Have Fun with the Sounds

The book has great words like "plop, plop" and "plunk, plunk". The author uses them because they sound funny when you say them. Don't be afraid to have fun saying them. Your child will pick up on the silliness of the words. Silliness in a book can make the reading experience a lot of fun for children. The more fun they have, the more they will want to read.