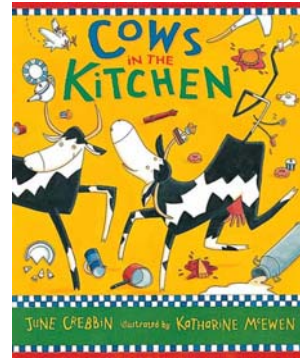


COWS IN THE KITCHEN

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!

Sing the Song

The book follows the tune of the American folk song, "Skip to My Lou." If you know the song, have fun reading (or singing!) the book with the song's rhythm.

Move to the Rhythm

Once your child gets the rhythm of the book or song, have your child pat their knees three times when they hear words like 'moo, moo, moo', 'quack, quack, quack,' and 'shoo, shoo, shoo'. Show them by lightly patting your child's knee with your hand or by holding his hand and patting his knee. Start out slow and get faster and faster.

Let the child dance or stomp in time with the book. Hand motions and movement help children feel the rhythm and enjoy the words. The more children enjoy and learn words, the faster their brains will grow.

Guess the Sounds

After hearing the book many times, your child may know what you are going to say next because they have memorized the animal sounds. Why not have your child help you 'read'? For example, when you read, "Cows in the kitchen...", have your child fill in the "moo, moo, moo." Ask "what does a cow say?" to get him started.

Follow the Mouse

There is a white mouse on every page. After you have read the book a few times, point the mouse out to your child. See if you can find it together on each page.