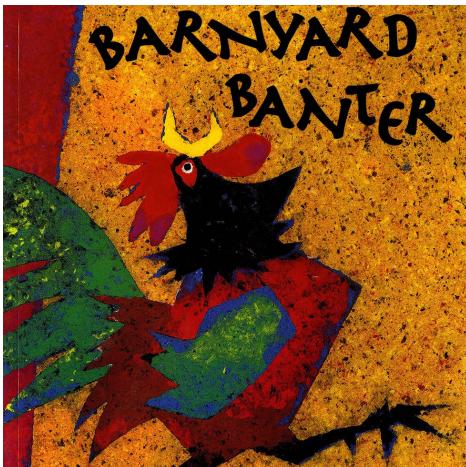


EARLY LITERACY ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Recommended Age Group: Infant and Toddler



Book Highlight:

Barnyard Banter

By Denise Fleming

It's another noisy morning on the farm, and all of the animals are where they should be -- except Goose. And where is Goose? Young children will enjoy clucking, mucking, mewing, and cooing while they search for Goose on every gorgeously illustrated spread.

Questions to Ask While Reading

Asking questions while reading is a great way to support your child's learning. Ask questions that draw your child's attention to details in the story, encourage your child to make predictions, help your child understand new words, and support your child in recognizing similarities and differences between the story and their life. Try these out to get started!

Birth - 3 Years Old

What noise do you think the cow will make?

Where is goose? Show me!

Can you make that noise?

What is goose following?

3 - 5 Years Old

Where is goose?

What do you think goose is doing?

The pigeons are in the rafters. What are rafters?

Do you think you would like to be an animal? Which one? What would you like about being that animal?

Activities to Keep Children Engaged

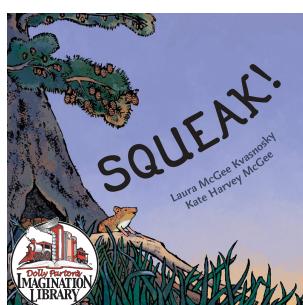


Scan to see a video of
Barnyard Banter being
read.

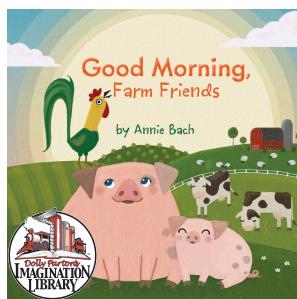
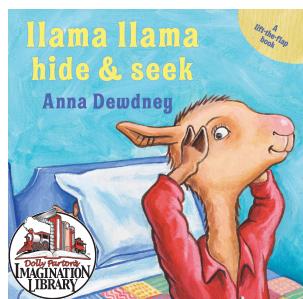
Foster a love of reading through fun activities!

- As you read, talk to your child about how you are using the book; holding the book upright, turning the pages, and looking at the illustrations. These are all pre-reading skills you are helping your child build! Depending on your child's age and development, you may encourage them to turn the pages and point out what they see on each page.
- After reading the book several times, prompt your child to make the animal noises for each page to bring them into the reading experience.
- Draw, paint, or collage your own picture of an animal. Your child might want to choose their favorite or you could do several!
- Search for goose on each page. Can you see all of goose or only a little bit? You could do this as you read the story or on its own as another way to use the book.
- Play a sound game! Take turns making animal noises with your child and guessing which animal is being imitated.

If your child likes
this book, try these next!



"The seeds of dreams are often found in books and the seeds you help plant in your community can grow across the world."
~ Dolly Parton



Reading tip!

As you read, point to the animal sounds as you say them. This will help your child begin to make the connection between written words and spoken words.



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