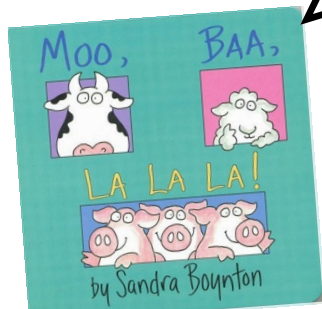




Branching Out - activities to make books come alive



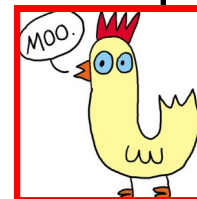
Book Title:
Moo Baa La La La
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Help Me Think!

Here's how to read through this story and encourage children's problem solving and thinking skills:

Ask open-ended questions:

- ◆ "What is so funny about singing pigs? Do they say "La la la"?"
- ◆ "Can you think of any animals that do sing?"
- ◆ "What sound do you think a rabbit makes?"
- ◆ Mix up some other animal sounds and watch their reactions!
- ◆ Let's see if we can remember all the animals that were in the story?



Sharing this book...

Have fun sharing this book with young children, especially toddlers. It starts out quite simply with "A cow says: Moo!" and "a sheep says: Baa!". Sandra Boynton then goes on to introduce us to her clever humour... "Three singing pigs say: La la la!" The children may start laughing and call out: "No!" Ask them "Have you ever heard a pig sing?!" with a puzzled expression on your face! Continue to have a "conversation" with the children throughout the book. Be sure you pause and wait for children's answers.



Literacy Skills...

Set out a variety of props and toy animals. Adults can join in the play and help children remember the story and make connections between it and the animals they are playing with.

Emphasize and repeat the animal sounds as well as some of the rhyming words in the story (eg. "snuff" and "ruff"). Research shows that "rhymers become readers".

Repeat the story! Children love hearing a story several times. Each time they will get something new out of it. You are also helping children develop a love of books!

Next Steps...

Look at some other books by Sandra Boynton: But Not the Hippopotamus; Opposites; Horns to Toes and In Between; Are You A Cow? Sandra brings her wonderful sense of humour to life through various animal stories that children will love and adults won't mind reading again and again!

Act out Eric Carle's "Head to Toe" as each animal moves in a different way and encourage children to copy the movements.

