

BABIES

READ

In English

10 Little Rubber Ducks (2010) by Eric Carle. A wonderful counting read-aloud about little ducks going overboard.

Barnyard Dance (1993) by Sandra Boynton. Another new classic with lively rhymes and wacky characters. Guaranteed to get everyone stomping their feet.

Clip-Clop (2007) by Nicola Smee. Farm animals ride a horse in this rhythmic bounce-along. Will going faster and faster lead to disaster? With lots of action, this book is as much for toddlers as it is for babies.

Countablock (2014) by Christopher Franceschelli. Peek-through counting book of things and creatures that transform, including eggs to chicks and caterpillars to butterflies.

Early Bird (2015) by Toni Yuly. Early bird seeks breakfast in this fun read-aloud that emphasizes action words.

Is Everyone Ready for Fun? (2011) by Jan Thomas. This book invites babies and toddlers alike to jump, dance, and wiggle along with unexpected cow visitors.

Moo, Baa, La La La (1982) by Sandra Boynton. Board book collections are likely to include this rendition of classic animal sounds. Images redrawn since the original 1982 release.

Peek-a Moo! (2017) by Nina Laden. Read the clue, repeat the rhyme, giggle, and repeat! Caregivers can join right in and sound along.

Who Eats Orange? (2018) by Dianne White and Robin Page. A fun read-aloud for exploring colors and animals' favorite foods.

Bilingual/Spanish

Little Chickies/Los pollitos (2016) by Susie Jaramillo. A bilingual nursery rhyme based on “Los pollitos dicen,” one of the most popular songs in the Spanish-speaking world. Comes with a free sing-along app. (Bilingual)

Mamá Goose: A Latino Nursery Treasury (2005) by Isabel Campoy and Maribel Suarez. Songs from all over the Spanish-speaking world, with English translations opposite. Chapters are divided by finger games, lap games, and song games, making this book an easy-to-use resource for baby and toddler programming. (Bilingual)

Who Hops?/¿Quién salta? (2006) by Katie Davis. Humorous read-aloud in both languages, with a refrain that older children love to join. (Bilingual)

STORYTIME TIP:

For small groups, invite caregivers to introduce their babies to the group with their names and ages. If time, you can also ask them to add a recent developmental milestone or favorite animal. This helps you learn names and build community.

EARLY LITERACY TIP:

Even though animal sounds are not “real” words, they help babies learn and communicate the sounds of their language.

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To babies, nursery rhymes are musicalizations of caregiver tenderness. Along with lullabies, they develop auditory localization, the ability to pinpoint where a sound is coming from.

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SING

Bounce: I Went to a Farm

Repeat rhyme with any farm animals that suit your theme.

I went to a farm the other day
And I saw a horse across the way
Can you guess what I heard him say?
Neigh, neigh, neigh, neigh.

1, 2, 3, 4 (slap thighs or tap baby's leg)

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Bounce: Fuí a una Granja

El otro día a una granja fuí
Y a través del camino un caballo ví
¿Puedes adivinar lo que decir le oí?
Jiii, jiii, jiii, jiii.

1, 2, 3, 4 (slap thighs or tap baby's leg)

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Bounce: The Horses Are Walking

A great song for walking babies around a circle in one direction, then the other, at different speeds. Older children can trot themselves around the circle. See video from Jbrary here: <https://bit.ly/2WJ8hgm>

The horses are walking, they're walking along,
Walking along, walking along
The horses are walking, they're walking along.
Woah, woah, WOAHH!

Verses: Trotting, galloping

The horses are walking, they're walking back home,
Walking back home, walking back home
The horses are walking, they're walking back home.
Woah, woah, WOAHH!

Bounce: Horsie on Our Way

Horsie, horsie on your way	(bounce slowly up and down)
We've been together for many a day.	(bounce a little faster)
So let your tail go swish	(move baby from side to side)
And the wheels go round.	(lift baby in a circle)
Giddyup! We're homeward bound.	(one big bounce)

English/Spanish

a farm = una granja

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Bounce: Trot to London

Trot, trot to London	(bounce baby up and down)
Trot, trot, to Dover.	
Look out, baby, or you might fall over!	(tilt baby sideways)
Trot, trot to Boston	
Trot, trot to Lynn	
Look out, baby, or you might fall in!	(tilt baby down)

Movement: La Vaca Lola

See video from King County Library System here: <https://bit.ly/2WHG7T3>

La vaca lola, la vaca lola	(clap hands in rhythm)
Tiene cabeza y tiene cola	(move your head and your tail)
Y hace así: Muuuuuu!!	(cup hands around mouth)

(Repeat these three lines)

Song: Los Pollitos

A traditional Latin American song. Bounce chicken puppets for extra fun. See video version in Spanish and English from Moore Memorial Public Library: <https://bit.ly/3g00ltp>

Los pollitos dicen
Pio, pio, pio
Cuando tienen hambre
Cuando tienen frío
La gallina busca
El maíz y el trigo
Les da su comida
¡Y les presta abrigo!

PLAY / TAKE HOME

Mother Hen Object Permanence Box

Babies drop plastic eggs in a top hole and retrieve them from the open side. This activity refines babies' motor control and practices object permanence, which is the idea that an object still exists even when it is out of sight.

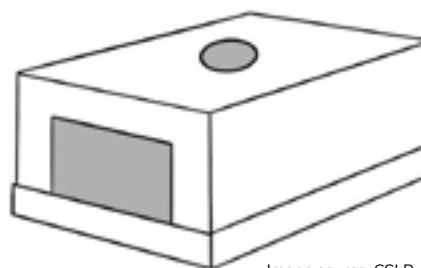


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To make the box, cut an egg-sized hole in the bottom of a shoebox; tape around the perimeter of the hole to smooth the edges. Then cut a large square hole in the short side of the box. Flip the box over so the lid is on the bottom (and the egg hole on top), and tape the lid to the box. Decorate with

TIP:

Remember the classic farm animal fingerplay "This Little Piggy." Caregivers tickle babies' toes, and the little piggies go "wee, wee, wee all the way home."

Spanish/English

la vaca = cow

Spanish/English

chicks = los pollitos

TIPS:

If you have chicken puppets, let caregivers use them to "lay" eggs on top of the box. To engage toddlers, ask them to put eggs of a certain color in the box.

English/Spanish

hen = una gallina

TODDLERS

colored paper if desired. You could also put a few beans in each egg to make egg shakers (hot glue or superglue to secure!).

Worm Pull

Cover a shoebox with brown paper and draw worm silhouettes on the box. Poke round holes in the lid, and thread thin rope through the holes. Knot the rope at each end so it does not come all the way out when babies pull. Do not tape the lid because you will need to remove it to pull the worms back down into the “dirt.”

Farm Animal Sounds

Enlarge and laminate silly farm animals and their sounds (see Printables). You can show these during storytime or give caregivers printed copies to take home. See also Bilingual Animal Sounds from Chapter 01: Babies.

RESIZABLE DOWNLOAD

(SEE ONLINE MANUAL OR USB)

What Do the Farm Animals Say?