Books of the Month

**Moo!** by David LaRochelle
The trouble starts when the farmer puts a “For Sale” sign on his car. Seriously, can a cow and a car ever be a good combination? Using only two words throughout the entire book, David LaRochelle sends us on a hilarious roller coaster ride. The evocative illustrations and spare text make this an ideal story to generate conversation and laughter. Destined to be a classic for all ages.

Other fun books featuring Cows

*There’s a Cow in the Cabbage Patch* by Claire Beaton—This rhyming book is a perfect introduction to farm animals for toddlers.

*Who Says Moo?* by Bright Baby—This little board book features sliding flaps and questions creating a wonderful book about farm animals for infants and toddlers.

*Click Clack Moo: Cows that Type* by Doreen Cronin – The poor farmer is in for it once the cows gain access to a typewriter. A funny book for preschool and young school-age children.

*Cock a Doodle Moo* by Bernard Most—When the rooster loses his voice, he tries to teach the cow to crow ending in amusing results. A very popular book with preschoolers and young school-age children.


*Animal Kisses* by Barney Saltzberg – Various animal kisses are presented in this terrific texture book for babies and toddlers.

*Is Everyone Ready for Fun* by Jan Thomas - Chicken’s couch may never be the same after a visit from the cows. A funny book for preschoolers.

Rhyme of the Month

**Five Little Cows**
This little cow eats grass,
(wiggle thumb)
This little cow eats hay,
(wiggle index finger)
This little cow drinks water,
(wiggle middle finger)
This little cow runs away
(wiggle ring finger)
And this little cow does nothing at all
(wiggle little finger)
but lie in the field all day.

Poem of the Month

**Cow**
I never saw a purple cow
I hope to never see one.
But I can tell you anyhow
I’d rather see than be one!

Anonymous

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Learning Ideas for September

Mystery Package
Place a new toy or book or some other sturdy new object into a box and gift wrap it. On Monday show the “mystery package” to the children and tell them you will open it on Friday. Allow the children to shake it, listen to it, examine the box etc. Encourage them to make guesses as to what is inside. Perhaps make a chart of the guesses. Each day, provide a clue as to what is inside. At the end of the week, open the mystery package and see if any of the guesses were correct. Talk to the children about how they felt about the real object as opposed to how they felt about the possibilities of what it could have been.

This idea adapted from: Everything for Winter: A Complete Activity Book for Teachers of Young Children edited by Kathy Charner.

Shadow Play

Supplies
Table
White Paper
Flashlight
Small Objects: toy cars, plastic animals, glass cups, board book, toy people, clear and solid containers, small ball, block, board game pieces, etc.

♦ Cover a table with white paper and set it against a wall preferably white or cover part of the wall with white paper.
♦ Tape a flashlight on the outside of the table, facing the white wall. Place an object a few inches from the flashlight, dim the room lights, and turn on the flashlight.
♦ Talk together about what you observe.
♦ Allow the children time to explore the objects and their placement in front of the flashlight.
♦ Talk about the similarities and differences in the shadows.
Perhaps continue the exploration of shadows outside.

The County Fair
Many children in your class may have visited the County Fair with their families. After sharing a book about Cows, perhaps engage the children in a discussion about any cows they saw at the Fair.

You can find a myriad of early learning information at our website: http://www.piercecountylibrary.org/ (in the parents/caregivers section of the Kids/Teens menu)