



Farmer Falgu Goes on a Trip

Chitra Soundar | Kanika Nair

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Farmer Falgu's farm is too noisy! The chickens are clucking, the cows are mooing, the dogs are woofing, and the ducks are quacking, so he hitches up his bullocks and goes for a nice, quiet trip. Does it work? Of course not. Farmer Falgu discovers that noise is everywhere and that his farm is actually a happy place.

Children will enjoy this delightful romp, with Chitra Sounder's engaging text that just begs for some sounds and movement from the audience. Kanika Nair's vibrant illustrations will scan well, even for large groups, making this an excellent choice for story or circle time.

Farmer Falgu books are a wonderful way to endorse the concept of #ownvoices, promoting diversity by providing familiar literary conventions not only set in another culture but, most importantly, told in the authentic voices of an author and artist from that culture.

Put together your own program using some of these suggestions for songs, rhymes, activities, and crafts below:

Even while he's looking for silence, Farmer Falgu recognizes the joy of music. Here are some good resources pointing out the why and how of using music and rhythm with preschool children:

Music Play: Creating Centers for Musical Play and Exploration. Young Children, July 2004

Children and Music: Benefits of Music in Child Development. Bright Horizons, 2010

Music and Movement for Young Children's Healthy Development. Dimensions of Early Childhood, Vol. 40, No. 2, 2012



RHYMES AND MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES

WE CAN...

from Perry (OH) Public Library

We can jump, jump, jump
We can hop, hop, hop
We can clap, clap, clap
We can stomp, stomp, stomp
We can shake our heads for “yes”
We can shake our heads for “no”
We can bend our knees a little bit and sit down slow.

CHANT: DUM DITTY (spoken)

from Never Shushed

Dum-ditty, dum-ditty, dum, dum, dum.
Can you hear me play my drum.
Dum-ditty, dum-ditty, dum, dum, dum.
Beating my drum is so much fun!

ACTION CHANT:

TAPPING ON THE DRUM (spoken)

from Never Shushed

Rum pum pum, tapping on the drum
Rum pum pum, tapping on the drum
Tapping very slowly, slowly, slowly.
Tapping very quickly, quickly, quickly.
Rum pum pum, tapping on the drum
Rum pum pum, tapping on the drum
And the drummer says stop!

WE HIT THE FLOOR TOGETHER

from Abby the Librarian

Sung to the tune of Farmer in the Dell
We hit the floor together,
We hit the floor together,
We hit the floor together,
Because it's fun to do.

YANKEE DOODLE

from Preschool Express, adapted by Jean Warren

Yankee Doodle marched to town
Beating on his drum.
With every beat, he moved his feet.
It made the marching fun.
Yankee Doodle kept it up
Yankee Doodle Dandy.
Mind your music and your beat.
And keep your drum handy!

(Encourage children to march around the room while singing the song)



INSTRUCTIONS FOR EASY HOMEMADE NOISE MAKERS

from SC Johnson

Looking for more noisy-themed books to round out your story or circle time? Here are a few suggestions:

It Could Always Be Worse: A Yiddish Folk Tale, retold and illustrated by Margot Zemach

The Rooster That Would Not Be Quiet! by Carmen Agra Deedy, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin

Too Much Noise, by Ann McGovern, illustrated by Simms Taback