

Set the moo-oo-ood to read until the cows come home with these great cow tales.

# Calling All Cows

*Cow* by Malachy Doyle

*Cows Can't Fly* by David Milgrim

*The Cow in Apple Time* by Robert Frost

*Cows in the Kitchen* by Jane Crebbin

*And the Cow Said Moo!* by Mildred Phillips

*Daddy Played Music for the Cows* by Maryann Weidt

*Manny's Cows the Niagara Falls Tale* by Suzy Becker

*Millie in the Meadow* by Janet Pedersen

*Moo Who* by Margie Palatini

*Mrs. O'Leary's Cow* by Mary Ann Hoberman

*No Moon, No Milk!* by Chris Babcock

*Too Many Pears!* by Jackie French

*When Cows Come Home* by David L. Harrison

## Hello, Hello

Hello, hello, hello and how are you?

I'm fine, thanks, I'm fine, thanks.

I'm hoping you are too!

Ah, at last!

But what's that noise I hear in the shower?

Cows in the shower, Oh, no, no!

## Cows in the Kitchen!

*(tune: Skip to My Lou)*

Cows in the kitchen, Oh, no, no!

Cows in the kitchen, Oh, no, no!

Cows in the kitchen, Oh, no, no!

Cows are in the kitchen!

Ten in the kitchen, Shoo, cow, shoo!

Ten in the kitchen, That won't do!

Ten in the kitchen, Shoo, cow shoo!

Nine cows in the kitchen.

(Repeat second verse, substituting the appropriate number words each time. When you reach zero, speak the last four lines in unison.)

## Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey, diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,

The cow jumped over the moon.

The little dog laughed to see such sport.

And the dish ran away with the spoon.

## Milk a Cow

*(tune: Mulberry Bush)*

This is the way we milk a cow,

Milk a cow, milk a cow.

This is the way we milk a cow,

Early in the morning.

### **Milk the Cow**

*(tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)*

Milk, milk, milk the cow

While sitting on a stool.

Pulling, squirting, pulling squirting,

Till the bucket's full.

### **Cow on a Walk**

A brown cow went for a walk on a sunny day.

She walked up a hill (walk fingers up arm)

And down a hill (walk fingers down arm)

And up a hill, and down a hill.

And up a hill, and down a hill.

She stopped to look around. (fingers stop walking)

She nibbled a bite of grass. (fingers kneel on arm)

She lay down for a rest. (lay hand on arm)

“Time to go home,” she said. (stand fingers up)

So she walked up a hill, and down a hill.

And up a hill, and down a hill.

And up a hill and down a hill.

Until she got home (fingers stop walking.)

“Traveling is nice,” she said, “But home is best.”

## Parent Tip Take-Home – Phonological Awareness

Research indicates that *phonological awareness*, or the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words, is an important skill for children to know before they go to school.

# Today at the Library...

We read some stories about cows and the adventures they had. We are practicing rhyming because it is a skill that will help children decode words. One of the ways you can help your child improve his or her reading skills is by pointing out rhymes where you hear them. After you read a book together that has rhyming words in it, go back through the story and talk about the words that rhyme. You can play **How Now, Brown Cow** with your child using the cow cards we sent home. First cut the cards apart and ask your child for some words that rhyme with cow. Write the words on the blank cows. Also include a couple words that will not rhyme.

### How to play **How Now, Brown Cow**

To begin, hold the card labeled *cow* in your right hand and another card of your choice in your left hand. Read (or have your child read) the two cards aloud. If the words rhyme respond “How now, brown cow? Moo-oo!” If they do not rhyme, say “Not now, brown cow!” After the game, your child may try to read and match the rhyming cow cards.

#### Sample words to rhyme with cow

bow          pow          chow          how          wow          plow          now  
brow          meow          sow...

Keep your ears ready to hear rhyme. You can use rhyming words from songs that you sing as well as make up your own sets of rhyming words. It is fun to play with words this way, so enjoy! You can make up words that are silly and don't make sense, just as long as they rhyme!

