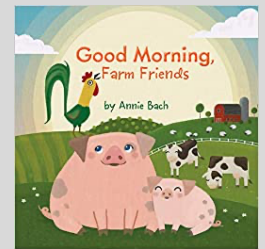




Good Morning, Farm Friends

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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own.

Conversations will help increase your child's oral language skills and build their vocabulary. C.A.R. is a conversation starter that you can use with your child any time.

Below is an example of how to use C.A.R. with the book, *Good Morning, Farm Friends*.



C.A.R.	Example
<p>C Comment and Wait (count to 5) *Make a comment about what you see on the page.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> I see cows in a barn. <i>Child:</i> Cows say "moo!"</p>
<p>A Ask questions and Wait (count to 5) *Ask questions that do not have a "yes/no" or one-word answer to them.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> How many cows do you see? <i>Child:</i> "1, 2, 3. There are three cows."</p>
<p>R Respond by adding a little more to the child's response.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> That was great counting. You're correct. I see three cows. I see one cat too!</p>

Activities

- » Animal Sounds: Stop on each page to ask your child if they know the sound that the animal makes. Model the sound and encourage them to mimic it. Discuss other information you know about each animal such as what they are how, what they eat, etc.
- » Farm Friends Counting: Work on one-to-one correspondence with you child by pointing and counting how many there are of each animal. After pointing and counting, use a complete sentence to explain how many total animals there are. For example, "There are two ducklings."

