

AB Prairie C.O.W. Program

Special Edition Newsletter



Many great memories were made on the C.O.W. Bus and in the program. Have a picture you want to share? We'd love to see them. Post online and tag @CentreforFamilyLiteracy (FaceBook) or @4FamilyLiteracy (Twitter).

C.O.W. Program is put out to Pasture

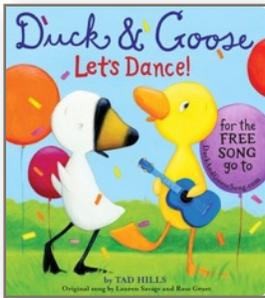
Alberta Prairie Classroom on Wheels Says Goodbye after 13.5 years

Our travelling family literacy program started in 2003, but has reached its end come June. Over the years, we've dropped off thousands of books and resources and shared family literacy activities and simple homemade craft ideas.

We've partnered with so many great organizations, and met many amazing people along the way. We are truly grateful to have had the opportunity to offer this program border to border in Alberta. We hope you have enjoyed the program as much as we have enjoyed offering it, and that you came away with some new ideas and a better understanding of your own parenting strengths. Even though we were there to share our knowledge and ideas, we often felt like we received more in return from talking to all the parents and local community organizers.

Read on for AB Prairie C.O.W.'s last book and activity recommendations!





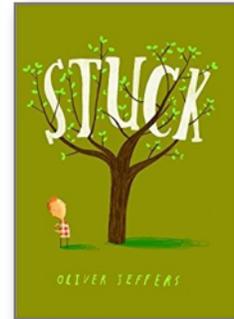
Book Recommendations

Duck & Goose: Let's Dance

by Tad Hills

Stuck

by Oliver Jeffers



Stretch the Learning Opportunities

Why should we extend stories?

Children learn best by being active and using all five senses. These are called “multi-sensory experiences”. They build connections in the brain and help to reinforce the learning that is taking place. When we make stories more hands-on, we are involving more of the five senses, and this keeps them engaged and makes a story more memorable, not to mention fun! Download our FREE app “FLIT”, available for Apple & Android, for more great ideas.

“Duck & Goose Let's Dance” Story Extender

Make up your own song or rhyme to go with this action story. Here's one to try: (to the tune of Sleeping Bunnies)

Dancing Ducks

See the dancing ducks,
all dancing to and fro. (*dance*)
One little duck said “Ow!”;
she stubbed her toe! (*grab your toe*)
Then Goose said.... “Stop!” (*everyone stops*)
And then he said... “Let's hop!” (*hop on one foot*)
Hop, hop, little duckies: Hop! Hop! Hop!
(X3)
And.... STOP! (*everyone stops dancing*)

“Stuck” Story Extender

Draw and cut out items from the story (or find in magazines or colouring books).

Use a large piece of felt or other material for the tree top. Add a trunk if you like.

Spread out your tree, have your cut-outs nearby, and read the story. Your child will place each item on the tree as it comes up.

Tip: Use contact paper or packing tape to make paper cut-outs last longer.



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