

I Can Say Moo!

The 2026 CLEL Bell Award Book for TALK

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I Can Say Moo! is an interactive and fun book that encourages caregivers to talk with their little ones. The pictures of other babies modelling talking makes this a high interest title for young children. *I Can Say Moo!* also models to caregivers how to easily incorporate talk into daily routines.

Activity Ideas for *I Can Say Moo!*:

- Talk with your little one in front of the mirror! When you are in front of the mirror, your little one will be able to see how your mouth moves to make certain sounds. Babies and toddlers love to touch your mouth as you speak to understand how lips and mouths work. The more that your little one sees how sounds are made, the easier it will be as they begin to talk.
- Rhyming is an integral piece of *I Can Say Moo!* Rhyming helps your little one develop phonemic awareness, which is the ability to play with the individual sounds in words. Have a rhyming day with your little one, and play rhyming games. Sing songs that rhyme. Create fun rhyming games about your family.
- Explore sounds while you write. Use a finger to trace in mud, paint, or even soft food like yogurt. While sounding out words, trace the letter of the starting sound ("mmm" for "moo"). This helps your child connect sound and meaning to letters.
- Pick a theme and point out words around that theme - for example, words in *I Can Say Moo* center on a farm theme. If you visit a special place, such as the park, make sure to point out new words for your little one as you explore. Describe what you see to increase their vocabulary.

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