

ideas by the Bushel



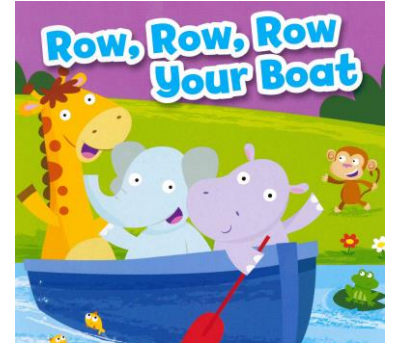
BOOK: Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Before Reading:

1. Read the book to yourself before reading to your child.
2. Choose a place to read that is well lit and cozy.
3. Invite your child to read by saying, “Let’s read about a boat ride!”

During Reading:

1. This book lends itself to singing the words, so sing them!
2. After the first reading, go back through the book, but this time don’t read the words. Call attention to the different animals on each page and what emotions or facial expressions they are showing and why.
3. Reread or sing the words in the book again and this time exaggerate the screams and the giggles and roars!



After Reading:

Dramatic Play- Make a boat! If you have a large box, take off the top and let your child paint or color the box to look like the one in the book. You can use a broom or mop or even a long stick for the oars! If you don’t have a box, pretend your child’s bed or your couch is now a boat! Sing the verses from the book as you and your child row down the river! If you need a time-out, but your child still wants to row their boat, let them sit in a laundry basket and row away!

Gross Motor- You and your child can become your own boat and get a little exercise while doing it! Sit on the floor across from your child with your legs spread wide enough that you and your child can stretch out your arms and hold hands. As you sing “Row, row, row your boat” lean back and pull your child towards you and then have them lean back and pull you towards them. Keep rocking back and forth as you sing the song over and over again!

Sensory Play- Take advantage of a space that you already have in your home—the bathtub! Fill up the tub to a safe depth, throw in some toy boats and plastic animals and let your child play out the scenes in the book! You can sit on the side of the tub and reread the book while your child plays in the water with all of the props!