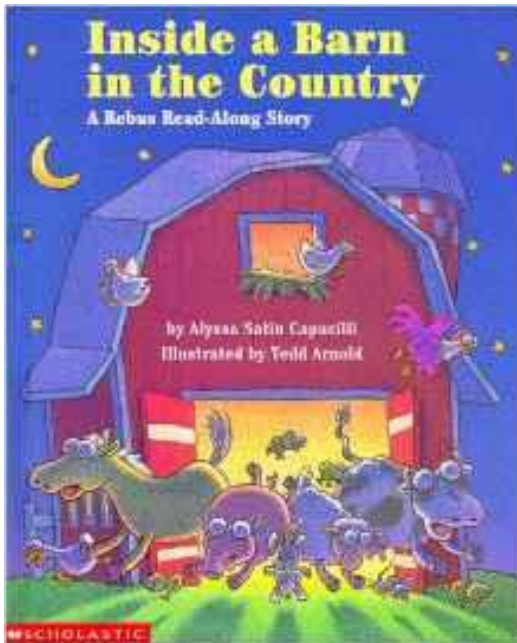


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Inside a Barn in the Country by Alyssa Satin Capucilli and illustrated by Tedd Arnold is a "Rebus" read along story, which means that small pictures are used instead of words allowing the students to help read the story. In this story, a mouse wakes up the horse, who wakes up the cow, etc. The animals finally wake up the farmer who tells them to "go back to bed" since it is the middle of the night! Because of the repetitive nature of the story, students get a lot of practice naming the animals and saying the animal sounds. The kids also enjoy imitating the farmer wagging his finger at the animals as he says, "It's not morning yet, please go back to bed!"

Questions:

Who did the mouse wake up? The horse

What did he say? Neigh

Who did the horse wake up? The cow

What did he say? Moo

Who did the cow wake up? The rooster

What did he say? Cock-a-doodle-do

Who did the rooster wake up? The chicks

What did they say? Peep

Who did the chicks wake up? Sheep

What did they say? Baa

Who did the sheep wake up? The dog

What did he say? Woof

Who did the dog wake up? The pig

What did he say? Oink

Who did the pig wake up? The hens

What did they say? Cluck

Who did the hens wake up? The duck

What did he say? Quack

Who did the duck wake up? The farmer

What did he say? PLEASE GO BACK TO BED!!!

Extension activities:

- visit a farm or take a virtual tour
- make animal sounds and see if your child can guess what animal you are
- watch this animation of Ping Pong Pig on You Tube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIZ9rAOp4f0>
- check out this FREE Animal Sounds app on iTunes:
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/free-animal-sounds/id580044747?mt=8>