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Farmer's Market Day
by Shanda Trent (author)
and Jane Dippold (illustrator)



It's Farmers' Market Day! Follow an enthusiastic (and slightly clumsy) little girl as she searches for the perfect treat. She'll discover forests of broccoli trees and rainbows of flowers, taste freshly baked breads and pies, cuddle a kitten, and make a bit of a mess! But will she find her prize?

Talking: Talking helps children learn language and how to take turns. The girl in the story has saved money to spend at the farmers' market. Talk about saving money and how much fruits and vegetables cost.

Singing: Children's brains are wired to look for patterns, and we learn through repetition. Songs and rhymes are a natural fit for learning. Singing slows language down and helps children process the different letter sounds in words. And it's fun. Sing "Old Mac Donald Had a Farm", making up new verses about vegetables he grows.

Reading: Reading to and with a child is the single most important way to help children get ready to read. As you read the story together, be sure to occasionally direct children's eyes to the text by running your finger along underneath the words. Ask your child to point to the words on this page.

Writing: Writing (or drawing and scribbling) helps children learn about print, letters, vocabulary, and establish pre-reading skills. The names of vegetables and fruits are everywhere in this book. Help your child practice writing the name of their favorite fruit or vegetables for their own farmers market.

Playing: Playing teaches children to think symbolically, learn self-expression, and put thoughts into words. Set up your own farmers market using the fruits and vegetables in your refrigerator. Take turns being the farmer and being the buyer.

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