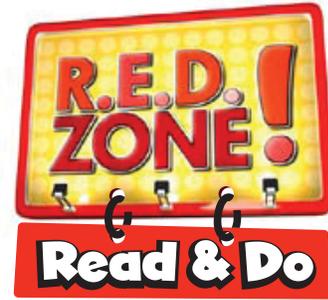


# Little Blue Truck

by Alice Schertle

Animal noises and rhythmic poetry help tell the story of a loyal and lovable little blue truck, his animal friends and about a big yellow truck that doesn't even have time to say hello.



## Read

### Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *What would you do if you saw some animals stuck in the mud?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder how the frog is driving the truck?

### During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

#### Rare Words in *Little Blue Truck*

- swerve: to make a sudden change in direction
- muck: sticky, soft moist dirt
- mire: an area of very marshy ground or deep slushy mud
- gallop: fastest pace of a horse in which all four feet are off the ground at the same time
- budge: to move

### After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What noises did the animals and the blue truck make?
- What kind of animals did the blue truck say hello to?
- Why did the yellow truck not say hello to the animals?
- What happened to the yellow truck?
- Why didn't the animals help the yellow truck get unstuck?
- Who helped the yellow truck?
- What happened to the blue truck?
- How did the animals get the trucks unstuck?
- How did that make the yellow truck feel to be unstuck?

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## Rhyme Time

After reading the story, choose several words from the rhyming word list below and have the children think of new words that rhyme. For example, blue/shoe/two/new, etc.

### Rhyming Words List from Little Blue Truck

Purred/heard/ \_\_\_\_\_

Road/toad/ \_\_\_\_\_

Eye/bye/ \_\_\_\_\_

Blue/moo/ \_\_\_\_\_

Beep/peep/ \_\_\_\_\_

Duck/truck/ \_\_\_\_\_

Through/do/ \_\_\_\_\_

Day/way/ \_\_\_\_\_

Curve/swerve/ \_\_\_\_\_

Truck/stuck/ \_\_\_\_\_

Tire/mire/ \_\_\_\_\_

Scared/cared/ \_\_\_\_\_

Bump/dump/ \_\_\_\_\_

Might/tight/ \_\_\_\_\_

Horse/course/ \_\_\_\_\_

Three/fee/ \_\_\_\_\_

Depends/friends/ \_\_\_\_\_

Ride/inside/ \_\_\_\_\_