



## Song of the Month: April

### I've Been Working on the Old Farm

Familiar Tune: *I've Been Working on the Railroad*

Task: Syllable Awareness, Common Rimes\*

I've been working on the old farm

All the live-long day.

I've been working on the old farm,

Hearing what those animals say.

Can't you hear the cows mooing,

Rising up so early in the morning?

Can't you hear the cows mooing,

As they start their day!

Write down a list of animals that live on a farm. Ask the child(ren) to identify the sound that each animal makes. Write this beside the corresponding animal. Sing the song, pointing to the words written. Other learning opportunities:

#### Syllable Awareness

Have the children clap as they say the animal sound. Example: Children say "moo-ing" and clap as each syllable is spoken.

#### Common *ing* Rime

Point out the *ing* ending for the animal sounds and create new words with *ing* (thing, ring, sing, fling, etc.).

Other animal choices: chickens clucking, roosters crowing, sheep baaing, horses neighing, pigs oinking and frogs croaking

\*a rime is a vowel and the consonants that follow, example /ook/ in *brook*. Some words have an onset, or the consonant(s) preceding the vowel of a syllable, such as *br* in *brook*.

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