



Good Morning Railfence Bunch: A Primer for young children.

This children's book consists of a simple narrative of Chick and Duckling making their daily morning rounds of the Railfence Farm and greeting all the farmyard animals by name. And then they all have lunch.

It works on two levels: first, the rhythmic sounds will delight young children who will learn to identify animals on the farm; second, they will associate the name of the animal and their baby with the pictures in the book. There will be a lot of pointing and delicious laughter. It will all lead to reading. And then it's time for lunch.

Another strength of this book is the simply accomplished and enchanting watercolours of Richard McNaughton's farm scenes. Splashingly brilliant in their subdued and muted colours, they evoke rural Ontario farm life.

This book is a wonderful collaboration that children will love, and parents will be grateful to have. Only a teacher could come up with something so simple and yet such an effective teaching tool.

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