



## Tapping for Sap Review by Ta'Neisha Kemp

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*Tapping for Sap* is a cute, rhyming tale that follows Chick and Duckling as they learn the process of tapping trees and making syrup. This fun children's story introduces preschool and Kindergarten children to a new process with the animal characters we've come to love. This book was written by Carolyn J. Morris and illustrated by Richard McNaughton. *Tapping for Sap* is currently available online and in bookstores for \$9.59.

Chick and Duckling begin their second adventure by riding on the back of a horse drawn sleigh on a sunny winter day. The pair watches as the trees are hammered and the spile is installed. They wait patiently as the fresh sap flows into the hanging pail and is then cooked down into sweet sticky syrup. As we watched the process with them the rhyme, rhythm, and repetition stood out to my three and five-year-old children. While reading, we reviewed the rhyming and repetitive words on each page. We also enjoyed this book during breakfast where we enjoyed pancakes, sausage, and sweet maple syrup.

Overall, *Tapping for Sap* has been a fun addition to our homeschool library. We appreciated the simple, informative, and colorful text by Carolyn J. Morris throughout the book. Richard McNaughton's illustrations perfectly depict Chick and Duckling's journey. This book would best suit children in preschool through first grade. I also believe the rhyme and rhythm in this book would be beneficial in any school reading program.

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