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## today's featured product...

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What are my two boys doing in their lives right now? Well, my oldest son LOVES books and music. And my younger son spends a good percent of his time in his Baby Einstein Exersaucer, which plays several songs, including "Old McDonald Had a Farm", the absolute favorite of my older son. Every time this song starts, my older son starts swaying to the music, like he was at a Jimmy Buffet concert. And now that he is learning his animal sounds, as we've discussed in previous reviews, he can participate in the Old McDonald tune... with a baa baa here...and a moo moo there...you know how it goes.

So imagine my delight when I discovered a product that was an instant hit with my older son. The "Old McDonald Had a Farm" Board Book and Matching Tee Shirt by Nursery Rhyme Tease. The read it and wear it Nursery Rhyme Tease are a fun way to introduce a new book, or perhaps an old favorite, to your toddler's library. Each set comes with a sturdy board book and matching tee shirt (available in sizes 6 mos to 5/6 years!). As soon as I gave my son the "Old McDonald" book, we sang through the pages and pointed to all the wonderful illustrations. And, as a bonus, he got to wear the cutest "EIEIO" accompanying shirt! So fun!

The thing that impressed me most about the Nursery Rhyme Tease products, is their message on their website. "After many years of reading and singing nursery rhymes, teacher turned mom, Heather Sievers, thought it would be fun to incorporate literacy and the joy of reading along with high fashion." Heather is so devoted to promoting literacy in children, that she has incorporated a "Literacy is Cool" link on her website, helping parents navigate to websites that support reading in infants and children.

One of my best friends, who happens to be a teacher, like Heather, always reminded me how critical it was to read to children. She encouraged me to start reading to my kids when they were infants, so they would develop a love of books. Well, she was absolutely right, and her advice paid off. My older son can sit and "read" books for hours. And my favorite time of the day is the 15 or so minutes before his bedtime, when we snuggle in a chair together and read stories.

It is never too late to start reading to, and with, your children. I LOVE the fact that Heather Sievers created a fun product, but also created an important message. Visit their website, [Nursery Rhyme Tease](#), and select one of the classics...Itsy Bitsy Spider...Humpty Dumpty...etc. And most importantly, enjoy the snuggle time with your child.



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