



# Chicken Butt!

## READ ALOUD GUIDE

**Themes:** Humor, Rhyming

**Book Brief:** An interactive picture book where a mischievous child engages in a playful back-and-forth with a parent, repeatedly delivering the silly punchline, "Chicken Butt!" while using rhymes and laughter to keep the fun going.

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## BEFORE READING

**The Cover:** Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover.

**Prior Knowledge:** Begin by saying, "Guess what?" and wait for students to ask "What?" Respond with "Chicken Butt!" Ask students, "Have you ever heard this joke before? What do you think it means?"

**Vocabulary:** "This book uses rhyming words to make the story silly and fun. Rhyming words are words that sound the same at the end, like 'cat' and 'hat' or 'fun' and 'run.'"

**Purpose for Reading:** "As we read today, listen carefully for words that rhyme. When you hear a pair of rhyming words, give me a thumbs up!"

## DURING READING

- Use facial expressions and gestures to emphasize humor!
- Encourage students to chime in when they recognize the pattern ("Guess what?" "What?" "Chicken Butt!").
- Pause to point out rhyming words (e.g., "why" and "thigh").
- Ask students to predict what might happen next.

## AFTER READING

**Ask,** "What made this book funny?" "Who was tricking who in the story?" "What other silly jokes do you know?"

**Extending Our Thinking:** Show students a picture card or object, like a hat, and ask them to think of a word that rhymes with it, such as "cat." Encourage them to guess and celebrate their answers with a cheerful response like, "You found a rhyme — high five!" (Scaffold: offer two options of words and have students choose). After practicing with several items, invite students to create their own silly rhymes.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.