



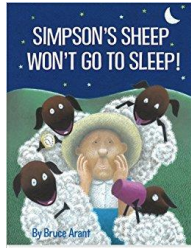
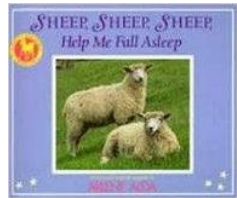
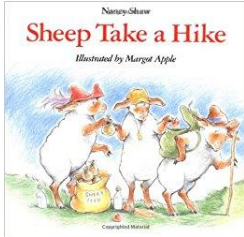
# Portland Library

## Take-Home Sheet: Sheep!

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#### READING:

Reading together is the single most important way to help children get ready to read.



#### Other Titles You Might Enjoy:

- *Russell the Sheep* by Rob Scotton
- *Wally Does Not Want a Haircut* by Amanda Driscoll
- *From Sheep to Sweater* by Robin Nelson

#### SINGING:

Singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words.

Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb  
Mary had a little lamb, his fleece was white as snow  
And everywhere that Mary went, Mary went, Mary went  
And everywhere that Mary went, the lamb was sure to go

#### TALKING:

Talking with children is one of the best ways to help them learn new words and information.

Shhh! It's time to go to sleep (put finger to mouth, pretend to sleep)  
But into my bedroom one sheep creeps. (creep fingers)  
"Don't go to bed," the one sheep said.  
"I would rather dance instead!"

Soon he was... (draw these words out)  
Dancing on the ceiling! (move hands above head in "dancing" motion)  
He was dancing on the floor! (move hands on floor as mentioned above)  
He was dancing on the window! (move hands to one side)  
He was dancing on the door! (move hands to other side)

"Stop that dancing, silly sheep.  
It is time to go to sleep!" Soon the sheep lay on the floor.  
Soon the sheep began to snore.

So I started ... (draw these words out)  
Dancing on the ceiling!  
I was dancing on the floor!  
I was dancing on the window!  
I was dancing on the door!

#### PLAYING:

Play helps children express themselves and put thoughts into words and to think symbolically, so they understand that spoken and written words can stand for real objects and experiences. We encourage play through our pompom, shaker, and scarf songs and activities.

## WRITING:

Writing begins with scribbles and other marks. Talk to your children about what they draw and write captions or stories together. This makes a connection between spoken and printed language.

# Farm Animal Counting

How many of each farm animal can you count below?

Cows

Sheep

Pigs

Horses