



OLD MACDONALD HAD A BABY by Emily Snape; illustrated by K-Fai Steele

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*Age Range: 2-5

Grade Range: PreK - 1 (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

A non-traditional family stars in *Old MacDonald Had a Baby*, a contemporary picture book from Emily Snape and K-Fai Steele.

New babies are challenging! Old MacDonald, a young father, has his hands full. From feeding to diapering to bathing his baby, he soon realizes he needs LOTS of help from his animal friends, including a sheep, a cow, a chicken, a goat, and a dog. A two-dad family and a humorous cast of animals star in this contemporary fun and warm take on the familiar rhyme.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "Early parenthood builds into a barnyard menagerie in this variation on "Old MacDonald." One father, brown skinned and bespectacled, heads out for the day; his lighter-skinned, plaid-clad partner waves from the door of their farmhouse residence, babe in arm... the long days ring true, and the vision of an inclusive, affectionate caretaking village shines." —[Publishers Weekly](#), **starred review**

★ "With a twist on the traditional Old MacDonald rhyme, Snape tells what life is like with a new baby, incorporating the same singsong E-I-E-I-O refrain. ...Children will be delighted and amused at many of the images depicting the mayhem that infants inevitably can create and parents will be impressed with the animals' patience with the baby's antics. A great addition to any library especially with its depiction of a modern, two-dad family." —[School Library Journal](#), **starred review**

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Share this story time video](#)

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the

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appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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