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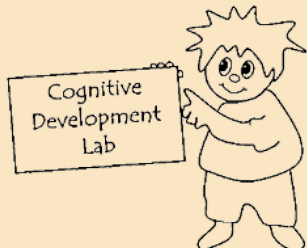
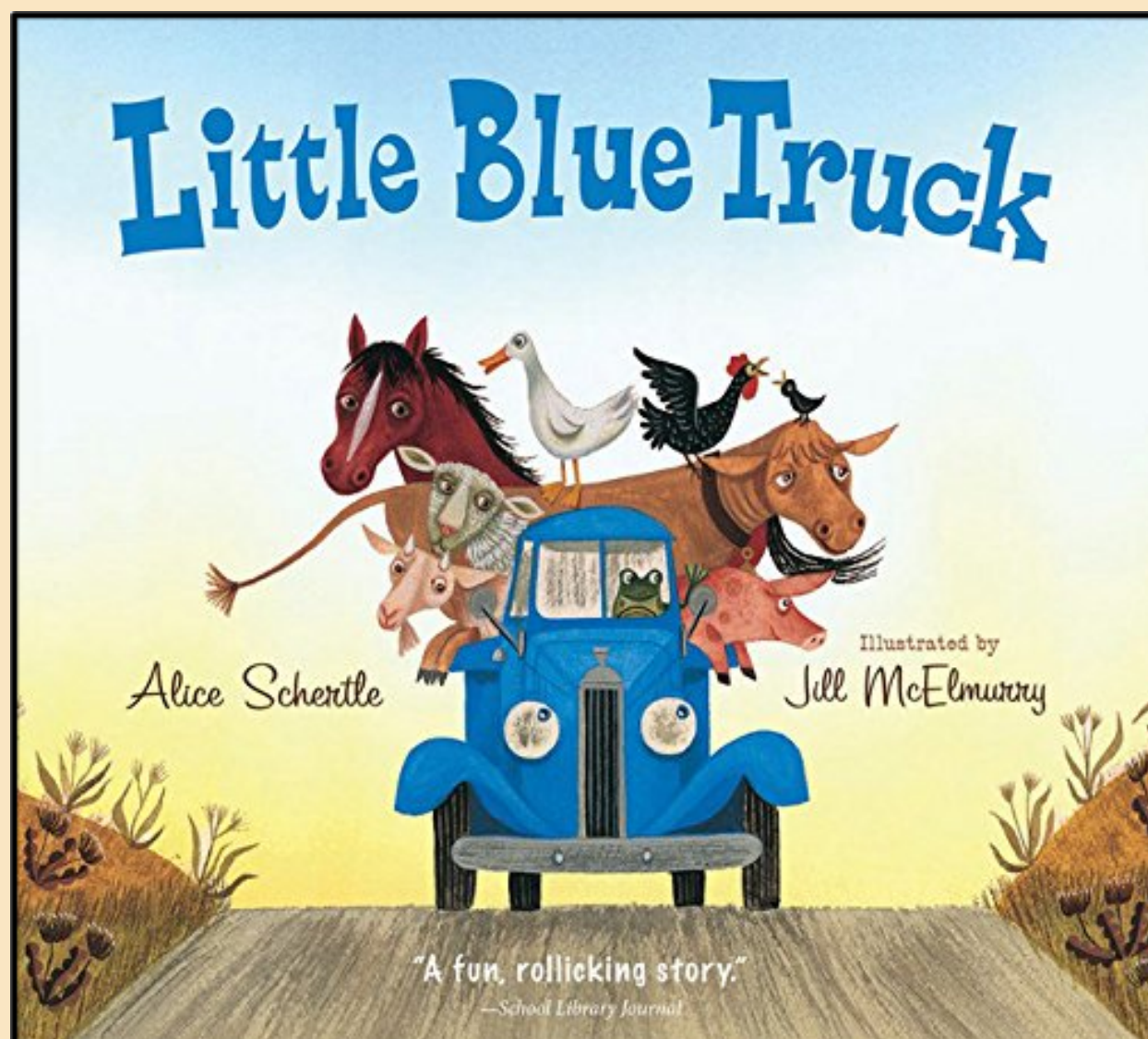


Suggested Books


Little Blue Truck

Alice Schertle

Illustrated by Jill McElmurry

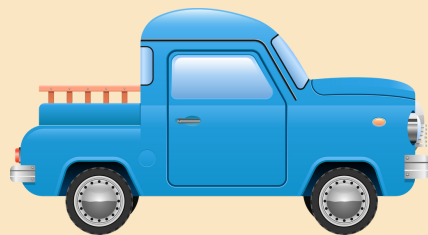


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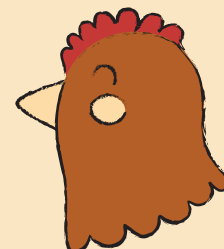
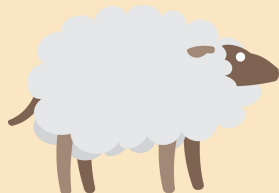


About the book

“Little Blue Truck” tells the story of animals working together to come to the aid of a friendly truck. In addition to fun rhymes and a rhythm that preschoolers will enjoy, this book highlights concepts of collaboration and prosocial behaviour.



Research shows that preschool-age children’s executive functioning skills (i.e. ‘thinking’ skills that enable children to engage in goal-directed behaviours) help them refrain from behaviours that would be disruptive to collaboration (e.g., Huyder, Nilsen, & Bacso, 2015).



Sources

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