In this story, three frogs discover what they believe to be a chicken egg and wait for it to hatch. When a scaly, four-legged creature emerges a few days later, the frogs are still convinced their new friend is a chicken, until the day the chicken finds and returns to her mother, who looks a lot like an alligator! As you read or listen to the story with your child, pay attention to why the frogs believe their new friend is a chicken.

**LET’S TALK ABOUT NEW WORDS**

Here are some words to talk about as you read or listen to *An Extraordinary Egg*:

- **mound**, a small hill or pile of dirt
- **pebble**, a small, round stone
- **scaly**, covered with scales
- **tangled**, twisted together in a knot
- **impressed**, a feeling of great respect
- **amazed**, feeling great surprise; awed

**LET’S PLAY**

*Move Like An Animal*

In the story, three frogs don’t realize that their new friend is actually an alligator. Talk with your child about animals they have seen or read about. Prompt conversation by talking about your favorite animal, and why you like it. Then, give your child a turn to talk about their favorite animals. Continue the conversation by talking about the features of different animals, such as where they live, what they eat, and how they move. Then, invite your child to move their body like different animals. Some suggestions are: a slow, lumbering elephant; a swinging monkey; a jumping kangaroo; or a fast running cheetah.