LET'S READ TOGETHER

In this story, a cat grows up believing he is a duck until the day he meets another cat. Quackers loves being among his new friends the cats, but he also misses his duck friends, until he finds a way to combine the best of both worlds. As you read or listen to the story with your child, pay attention to why Quackers feels different from his friends, and what he does to make himself happy.

LET'S TALK ABOUT NEW WORDS

Here are some words to talk about as you read or listen to Quackers:

- amusing, makes someone smile or laugh
- communicating, getting and sending messages
- flock, a group of animals, usually birds
- options, choices
- overjoyed, very happy
- strange, unusual or weird

LET'S PLAY

Take a Walk Outside

In the story, Quackers likes to spend part of his day at the farm and part at the pond. Take a walk outside and explore where you and your child live. Try to slow down and pay attention to something you might not have noticed before. Play a simple “I Spy” game with your child by choosing an object outside and giving clues to help your child guess the object. For example, “I spy something that is red with wide yellow stripes.” Using rich vocabulary and descriptive words, give additional clues about the object’s size, shape, or features until your child sees and guesses the object. Upon return from your walk, ask your child to write or draw about what they saw during their time outside.