

Message Time Plus® Planning Form **First Grade**

Date: *May 5* **Day:** *Wednesday*

Read-aloud Book: *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin

Story Vocabulary: *problem, electric blankets, strike, impatient, furious, demand, neutral, emergency, gather*

Word Wall/High Frequency/Sight Words: *has, have, gone, until, also, other, will*

Skills and Strategies: *Nonfiction writing, paragraphs, text-to-life connections, plurals, -ing ending*

Writing Prompts/Extensions: *Children take turns reading this script as part of the classroom News Cast. Updates are created using interactive writing.*

Message:

Milk Shortage Looming

Local man Farmer Brown has an emergency on his hands. His cows have gone on strike and are refusing to produce milk until their demands are met. It is also rumored that hens, and perhaps other animals, are impatient and will soon join the strike.

What's the problem? The animals report that the barn is cold and that they want electric blankets. Farmer Brown, furious at their demands, refuses to negotiate.

At this hour, the animals are gathering to decide on their next offer, and searching for a neutral party to deliver it. Until this strike is resolved, expect milk prices to soar. Stay tuned for hourly updates.