



Share a book everyday to create a reader for a lifetime!



Title: The Mitten

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Book Summary: A lost mitten lost in the snow becomes a warm, cozy place for several woodland animals.

Before Reading, *use the following conversation starters to engage your child's interest in the book.*

To generate interest in the book, talk with your child about the origin of this story. First it was shared orally in the Ukraine as a folktale., but now it is printed for children throughout the world.

To develop book awareness, speak with your child about the illustration on the cover. The pictures help share the story just as the words do. The illustrations on the side panels add to the main story line.

During Reading, *use the following ideas to keep your child actively engaged in the book sharing.*

To develop social-emotional skills, discuss with your child how each animal is different and how they are the same. Encourage him/her to talk about how the animals feel.

To discuss the illustrations, point out the actions in the side panels. These side panels can help your child as s/he predicts the action on the next pages. Prediction is an important skill in early literacy development.

After Reading, *use the following activities to extend your book sharing experience.*

To develop reading comprehension, ask your child to tell you what happened at the beginning of the story, in the middle of the story, and at the end of the story. Sequencing is important in reading comprehension.

To encourage verbal language skills, ask your child to tell you a story about his/her favorite animals moving into a mitten or hat. Be sure to write down your child's story and allow your child to illustrate the story.

To initiate active play, help your child create puppets from brown paper bags or socks. Then your child can re-create the story or generate a story all of his/her own. Puppet-play encourages creativity and learning through play.

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