



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



Title: Frederick

Author/Illustrator: Leo Lionni

Book Summary: While all the other mice in Frederick's family are out gathering wheat and food for the upcoming winter, Frederick collects other things. Sunshine and words. What will he do with them in the cold winter?

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

To generate interest in the book, ask your child open-ended questions about what s/he knows about mice. Encourage making mouse sounds or movements.

To develop book awareness, explain to your child that the author and the illustrator write the words and draw the pictures for books. This Caldecott Honor Book is written and illustrated by the same person.

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

To teach prediction skills, pause as you share the book. Ask your child what s/e thinks will happen next in the story? Continue the conversation by asking why.

To build verbal skills, ask your child to describe the illustrations. Encourage him/her to notice the details of the pictures and describe them. How does the weather change from Fall to Winter? After your child tells you what s/he sees, repeat the descriptions and add a few more details to work on new vocabulary.

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

To encourage creativity, take your child on a walk in nature. Look for all the different colors of Fall. Help your child make a color book of different leaves.

To develop personal connections to the story, help your child make a family/friends history. Share pictures and stories about family members and friends. Talk about the similarities and differences between what they like to do. Remember to include your child's interests. Frederick's family had different interests too.

To initiate active play, talk with your child about different things s/he would like to try. Would your child like to fly a kite, paint with feathers, make musical instruments, tell a story, or dribble a basketball? These are great opportunities to explain that we all have different talents.

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