



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



Title: Howard B. Wigglebottom

Author: Howard Binkow

Illustrator: Susan F. Cornelison

Book Summary: After Hoard's friends laugh at him for dancing, he tries singing, art, basketball. But nothing makes him feel the way dancing does!

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 Howard. What is he doing? How does he feel? What is he wearing?

To develop book awareness, talk with your child about the cover of the book. Explain that the title, author, and illustrator are shown here. Discuss what those words mean.

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

To develop print awareness, run your finger under the words as you read. Point out letters that are familiar to your child or are in his/her name. Practice making the sound the letter makes.

To build verbal skills, ask your child to describe the illustrations. Encourage him/her to notice the details of the pictures and describe them. 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, encourage your child to create his/her own dance. Ask family and friends to make their own dances too. Set aside some time for everyone to perform the new dance moves.

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 too. Are any dancers like in Howard's family?

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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