



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



Title: The Rain Came Down

Author and Illustrator: David Shannon

Book Summary: One Saturday morning, a rainstorm creates chaos for a town. But as soon as the sun comes out, everything gets better.

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

To create interest in the book, tell your child that David Shannon has been writing and illustrating his own books since he was five years old!

To develop prediction skills, ask your child to look at the cover picture and notice the characters' faces. How do you think they feel about the rain?

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

To discuss cause and effect, reinforce the idea that one action created another action. For example, the rain came, and it made the chicken squawk.

To develop vocabulary, discuss with your child any words that may be new. For example, explain what "shimmered" means and use it in a sentence.

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

To teach your child about the weather, ask your child to draw a picture of himself/herself outside in the weather each day for a week. What clothes would s/he need if it's cold or hot, raining or snowing? What would s/he like to do or play?

To develop emotional awareness, encourage your child to show different emotions on his/her face. Talk about what would make your child feel sad when s/he is making a sad face or angry when making an angry face. Talking about these feelings can help your child learn to cope with them.

To promote creativity, encourage your child to write and illustrate his/her own book about a day in the snow! Who would be in the story? Where would the people and animals be? How would the snow make everyone feel?

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