



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



Title: When a Dragon Moves In

Author: Jodi Moore **Illustrator:** Howard McWilliam

Book Summary: After a boy builds the perfect sand castle, a dragon moves into it. At first, they have fun flying kites and floating in the water. But then the dragon starts getting the boy into trouble, or does he?

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

To stimulate your child's interest, ask your child to look at the picture. Use open-ended questions to encourage him/her to talk about what a day at the beach would be like? What would s/he like to do?

To develop book awareness, talk with your child about what the words "author" and "illustrator" mean. Ask your child if s/he would like to create his/her own books?

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 the different facial expressions of the characters. Talk through why each character would feel like that. Teaching your child to look at the illustrations will help him/her make meanings of books.

To work on vocabulary, discuss new words your child may not be familiar with as you read together. For example— stomp, erase, demand, and nibble.

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

To develop a love of reading, make book sharing a part of your daily routine. Check out books from your local library or the Onslow County Partnership for Children's Resource Centers to expose your child to many different types of books and a variety of authors.

To encourage outdoor play, you and your child can pack a picnic lunch and read some of your favorite children's books about bugs and plants. Then you can go on an adventure walk to look for ladybugs and flowers.

To stimulate creativity, provide your child with paper and crayons or paint. Ask your child to write and illustrate a story about a pretend pet. What would it be? What would it eat and where would it sleep? Encourage your child to author and illustrate books!

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