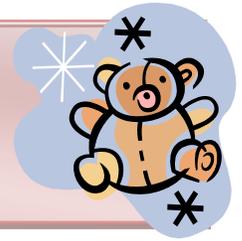




Be Excited About Reading BEAR Book Activity

Family Learning Activities that Develop Readers Ready for School



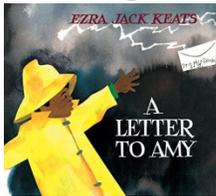
Before Reading

Help your child review basic book knowledge. Have your child point to the book's title.

Also, have your child point to the book's author. The author of this books is *also* the illustrator. Remind your child that the author wrote the book's words and the illustrator drew the book's pictures.

Ask your child to look for picture clues on the cover that give a hint to what might happen in the book. Talk about what the weather might be in the book.

Read Together



A Letter to Amy Ezra Jack Keats

Peter is having a birthday party, and he's already asked all his pals in the neighborhood, but Amy. Amy is a special friend, so Peter wants to write her a special invitation. One the way to the mailbox, there is a thunderstorm! Oh no, will Amy get the letter in time? Will she want to come to the party?

After Reading

First Activity Based on the Book

If All the Little Raindrops

Read the words then listen to this song on <https://youtu.be/WFBXhCYrqv4>

If all the raindrops
Were lemon drops and gumdrops
Oh, what a rain that would be!
Standing outside, with my mouth open wide
Ah, ah, ah, Ah, ah ah, Ah, ah, ah, ah,
If all the raindrops
Were lemon drops and gumdrops
Oh, what a rain that would be!

Second Activity - *A Letter to a Friend*

You will need the following materials:

- Writing utensil
- Colored marker(s)
- Eraser

Help your child write a pretend letter to a friend, just like Peter wrote to Amy in the book. If possible, follow-up by writing a real letter to mail.

Share New Words

- Taste
- Water
- Cheese
- Clean



Look for These Books at Your Library

- 📖 *Sheep in a Jeep* by Nancy E. Shaw
- 📖 *Mouse Paint* by Ellen Stoll Walsh
- 📖 *Song of Night* by Katie Riley Nakamura
- 📖 *One Duck Stuck* by Phyllis Root

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