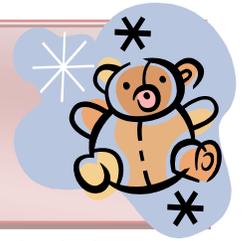




# Be Excited About Reading BEAR Book Activity

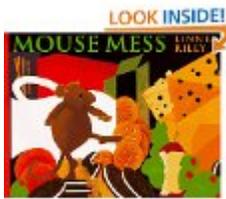
Family Learning Activities that Develop Readers Ready for School



## Before Reading

Look at the cover of the book. What kind of snack do you think the mouse would like to eat? What do you think is his favorite food? What is your favorite food pictured on the cover?

## Read Together



## *Mouse Mess* Linnea Riley

One mouse wakes up hungry and he decides to check out what food is in the kitchen. Find out what foods he explores and what a mess he makes!

## After Reading

### First Activity Based on the Book

Read through the story with your child. As you are reading, ask your child about all the different foods – which are vegetables? Which are fruits? Which come from a box? Make a chart with vegetables in one column, fruits in another column, food from a box in the last column. Count up how many of each are in the book? As you read the book, also ask your child about what colors they see on each page? Are there reds? Yellows? Greens? Blacks? Whites? Browns? What other colors do you see?

### Second Activity

The book can be like acted out like a play. If you want, find a toy mouse to help as you read the story together with your child.

As you are reading, have your child act out the story doing the actions himself or using the toy mouse. Ask your child to think about how the mouse might move? Share words that describe how a mouse would act like scurry, dart, skitter, nibble, and chomping.

### 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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