



Be Excited About Reading BEAR Book Activity

Family Learning Activities that Develop Readers Ready for School

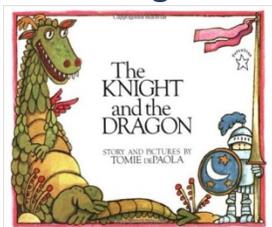


Before Reading

Look at the cover of the book. Ask your child –

- What does the title tell you about the story?
- What do you think the story will be about?

Read Together



The Knight and the Dragon Tomie dePaola

Knights and Dragons always have to fight each other
....or do they?

With a little help from the castle librarian,
find out what a knight and a dragon *can* do
with each other besides fight!

After Reading

Family Trip to the Local Library

The castle librarian was helpful to the Knight and the Dragon. Take a trip to the library with your family and find out what services are available at your library – find a story time you can go to. Can you find more books about Knights? Books about Dragons?

Retell the Story!

You will need:

Drawing paper, crayons, and scissors

Draw a picture of the knight, the dragon, and the lady. Cut out each picture. You can tape or glue them to popsicle sticks to make puppets.

Encourage your child to retell the story with his/her own words using the finger puppets to dramatize the action. You can stand the book up on a table to provide the background scenery for the story.

After your child retells the story, encourage your child to extend the story by talking about the other characters who visit the Knight and the Dragon's Bar-B-Q restaurant. Ask your child to imagine what some of the other characters say about the hamburgers. What other stories can your child tell with the finger puppets?

Share New Words

- Knight
- Dragon
- Librarian
- Cookbook
- Hamburgers



Look for These Books at Your Library

- 📖 ***Good Night, Good Knight*** by Shelley Moore Thomas
- 📖 ***Get Well, Good Knight*** by Shelley Moore Thomas
- The Tale of Custard the Dragon*** by Ogden Nash
- 📖 ***Puff, the Magic Dragon*** by Peter Yarrow

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