If You Take a Mouse to School

Themes: School, Routines, Pets, Sequencing

Book Brief: It all starts with mouse wanting a lunchbox. The boy who takes care of mouse soon realizes that giving mouse the lunchbox launches a series of events that span across an entire day of school. Whew!

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading, make predictions: What do you think might happen if mouse was to go to school? What types of activities do you think mouse might participate in? What would happen if a real mouse spent the day at school?

While reading, make connections: Do you see some similar items that you use at school? Which activities do you participate in and enjoy that mouse is doing in the story?

After reading, ask questions:
◆ How did the whole day start?
◆ How would you describe mouse?
◆ Do you think mouse was disruptive or fit right in to the boy’s day at school?
◆ Why was the boy so tired at the end of the day?
◆ Do you think mouse will be allowed to go back to school again? Explain.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

MOUSE MUNCHIES
Did you know that real mice like to eat fruit, grains and seeds? Make a mouse sized snack by cutting up small pieces of your favorite fruit. Add some crackers and if available, sunflower or pumpkin seeds. Ever heard the saying “eats like a mouse?” What do you think that means?

MOUSE MATH
Mouse participated during math class while at school. Use the following information to come up with at least 3 mouse themed math problems: Mice have 5 toes on their back 2 feet. Mice have 4 toes on their front 2 feet. The average length of a mouse is 3 inches.

STORY STARTER
Mouse wrote his own book in the story. Using the title of the book as inspiration, choose a different animal and location. If You Took a (fill in animal) to (fill in location). Once finished, read the story to a friend or family member.

SOME SCIENCE TOO!
Materials: jar with lid, water, dish soap, vinegar, food coloring, teaspoon
Fill jar with water, leaving 1 inch of space at top. Squeeze in 1 teaspoon of dish soap and 1 teaspoon of vinegar. Add 2 drops of food coloring. Screw lid tightly on jar. Swirl jar in circular motion until tornado forms. What can you learn about this weather event from observing the tornado in the jar?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:
OTHER BOOKS BY LAURA NUMEROFF
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, If You Give a Pig a Pancake, If You Give a Moose a Muffin.
The famous mouse from the New York Times #1 best-seller *If You Take a Mouse to the Movies* and *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* is back for his first day of school. Only Laura Numeroff and Felicia Bond could make school this much fun! If you take a mouse to school, he'll ask you for your lunch box. When you give him your lunch box, he'll want a sandwich to go in it. Then he'll need a notebook and so see all. If you take a mouse to school, he'll ask you for your lunch box. When you give him your lunch box, he'll want a sandwich to go in it. Then he'll need a notebook and some pencils. He'll probably want to share your backpack, too. A boy gives a cookie to a mouse. The mouse asks for a glass of milk. Then he requests a straw (to drink the milk), a mirror (to avoid a milk mustache), nail scissors (to trim his hair in the mirror), and a broom (to sweep up his hair trimmings). Next he wants to take a nap, have a story read to him, draw a picture, and hang the drawing on the refrigerator. Looking at the refrigerator makes him thirsty, so the mouse asks for a glass of milk. The circle is complete when he wants a cookie to go with it. Origin[edit] If You Take a Mouse to School (September 2002). If You Give a Pig a Party (April 2004). Merry Christmas, Mouse! (August 2007). Time for School, Mouse! (2008). If You Give a Cat a Cupcake (2008). This time the mouse goes to school with the boy. Please add your review here. Reading Age: add your suggested reading age. Reading Aloud Age: add your suggested read-aloud age. Clean. List other books or authors here. Add external links here. Categories: Picture books. Talking Animals. Animals. Community content is available under CC-BY-SA unless otherwise noted.