

## STORYTIME GUIDE AND ACTIVITIES FOR THESE PICTURE BOOKS!















# FIVE BOOKS, FOUR ACTIVITIES, ONE GREAT STORYTIME!

#### Hi, librarians!

We know that storytime is a big part of what you do at the library every week. This guide features five titles coming out this summer that make for great read alouds! So great that we wanted to help prep you for any storytime events you are planning. Whether you're parading around with the adorable Danbi, fighting off the yawns, going on a goon hunt, figuring out how to make the most out of a rainy day, or getting ready for back-to-school with some adorable critters, we hope you have fun with these five books! If you'd like more recommendations on great read alouds or storytime reads, be sure to follow us on social media (@penguinclass on Twitter and @PenguinClassroom on Instagram).

#### Happy reading!

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Meet Danbi! Join the new girl at school as she learns to navigate her two cultures and realizes that when you open your world to others, their world opens up to you.

- Invite your audience to participate by joining in every time the text says "Boom. Boom." by clapping their hands along or using musical instruments.
- 2. Bring in pictures of all the kinds of food that Danbi has in her lunch. Put them up on the wall or pass them around so everyone has a chance to see what they look like in real life.
- DANBI
  Leads the School Parade

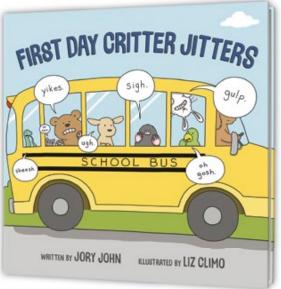
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- 3. Cover the wall with craft paper and set out markers and crayons. Let all the participants at storytime write their names on the wall just like Danbi and her class.
- 4. After reading the story, lead a parade throughout your library or school. Let each child have a turn being at the front, even if it's only for a few seconds.



First-day-of-school jitters have never been funnier or more reassuring than in this picture book.

- Consider reading this book at a special "back-to-school" storytime for soon-to-be kindergartners.
- 2. Show the audience the cover of the book and ask the children to make predictions about what will happen in the story. Take the time to define "jitters" for your group.
- 3. After reading the story together, have your audience help you create two posters: one that lists worries or concerns, and the other that lists strengths and talents. Talk about how the critters in the book used their strengths to overcome their worries.
- 4. Decorate backpacks or pencil cases with animals that appear in the book to remind children of the story and to send them to school with their own group of friends.





Kids will be giggling through their own yawns as they enjoy this contagiously adorable bedtime story.

- 1. Dress the part for the storytime by coming in your pajamas. Better yet, advertise storytime as a pajama storytime and invite your audience to do the same.
- 2. Play up the text and actions throughout the book. Make sure to use a loud voice when our character announces, "The yawns are coming!" snore along with the snores, and curl up when the sleepies hit.
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- 3. Before storytime starts, make a list of all the things you are going to do together. Challenge your storytime audience to stay awake long enough to finish the list.
- 4. Create felt pieces of each of the non-human characters. Put them up on a flannel board and ask your group to do the appropriate action—yawn, doze, snore, sleep.



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A Hula-Hooping moose, a badger with a bumblebee umbrella, a rabbit in a cashmere sweater, and a very wet bear star in this unpredictable and laugh-out-loud picture book in which having fun gets the best of a grumpy bear.

- Use the text in the book as a guide to where to add emphasis when you read—some of the words are written in bold or a different font/ color. Use your voice to create emotions to engage your audience.
- 2. Together, make a rainstorm. Start off slow by tapping your fingers on the floor for raindrops. Slowly add more sound by slapping your knees, faster and faster. Then add some thunder by clapping. Slow down and go through each motion again until the sun comes out.
- 3. Brainstorm a list of fun activities to do inside when it does rain. Hula-Hooping might not be the best option, but reading a book sounds great.
- 4. Host a Hula-Hoop game day—participants can try to Hula-Hoop traditionally, or they can throw a ball through a hoop, jump across several hoops laid down on the floor, and have a Hula-Hoop passing race with two teams.





This hilarious companion to the New York
Times #1 bestseller Goodnight Goon is a
spooky parody of We're Going on a Bear Hunt.

- 1. Invite your audience to move along with you as you read the book. There are great opportunities to play along: grab, hiss, skulk, stomp, and more with the book.
- 2. If you have an older storytime audience, read this book with a flashlight. Have a volunteer or co-worker keep a beam steady on the book while you use yours to highlight the goon hiding on each page.
- 3. Create your own goons after the story. Provide paper and basic art supplies for the audience to get creative.





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