

William's Wet Week

Teacher's Notes

Early Level 9

Literacy Connections

Word Count: 182 words (including title)

Reading Skills:

Reading for sense

Keep comprehension building as story progresses in order to predict the storyline

Recognise repetition and patterns within the text to help prediction

Decoding Skills

High Frequency Words: liked, every, might, quickly, tomorrow, wear, take, still, know

Initial Consonant: "w" – William's, wet, week, walk, wear

Alliteration "William's wet week"

Word Study:

Exploring past and present tense:

Get – got Wear – wore

Rain – rained Take – took

Walk – walked

Syllabification:

One syllable – wet, was

Two syllables – raining, outside, morning

Three syllables – umbrella, tomorrow

Print Conventions:

Speech marks

Contracted words

Content Connections

- Days of the week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- Problem solving
- Dressing appropriately for the weather
- Weather

Content Words:

rain, wet, coat, umbrella, boots

Suggested Activities

- Encourage the students to think about the whole story when reading "William's Wet Week" to get a better understanding.
- Close read the story, identifying and discussing the patterns, the repetitions and the illustrations. This will benefit prediction and comprehension.
- Point out the contracted words in the text. List other contractions that the students know.
- Play with alliteration. Use the title as an example and a starting point
 - Choose a name
 - Choose a describing word (starting with the same sound)
 - Choose a noun or a verb (also starting with the same sound)
 - e.g. Poppy's precious puppy
- Highlight the concept of syllabification by "clapping words"
 - e.g. Wet – 1 clap
 - Raining – 2 claps
 - Umbrella – 3 claps
- Use "clapping words" to explore rhythm. Create rhythmic word chants to perform.
- Dress-up to show the ideal clothes needed for different weather conditions
- Collect weather forecasts from the newspaper and watch the weather forecast from the television news.
- Discuss the symbols and measurements used to inform us of weather predictions.