

THE MOLE SISTERS AND THE BLUE EGG

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Genre: Picture book, fiction

Themes: Friendship, Adventure, Exploration, Courage, Nature, Early Readers

Guided Reading Level: G

Suitable for: Grades K – 1

Summary

A picture book that features two moles who are both sisters and best friends. The mole sisters are looking for something, but they don't know what it is until they discover treasure in a bird's nest.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

The following activity ideas are only a start. There are many possibilities for helping students construct meaning from text.

Comprehension activities:

- help readers to extend their general knowledge from prior experience
- develop reading strategies for comprehension
- bring relevance to the act of reading
- foster discussion and reflection through response to the text

BEFORE STARTING THE BOOK

Activities to build the context and introduce the topic of the book, and to establish prior knowledge and interest and develop predictions of what the text will be about.

1. Tell something that surprised you, something that happened that you were not expecting.
2. How do adventures happen, by planning or by accident?
3. What's funny about the illustration on the cover of the book?
4. How do you think the mole sisters ended up in a bird's nest?
5. What kind of bird has a blue egg?

WHILE READING THE BOOK

Activities to check on comprehension, stimulate interest, involve readers in reflection as they read, and encourage consideration of other readers' reactions.

1. What do you think the mole sisters will find?
2. What do you think they are thinking when they say "Oooooooooooooo"?
3. What do you think they are thinking when they say "Aaaaaaaah"?
4. How would you feel about climbing those stairs?
5. Why does the little bird fly away?
6. What words does the author use to help you feel you're sliding down the banister with the mole sisters?
7. What were the mole sisters looking for?

AFTER READING THE BOOK

Activities to inspire continued reflection and response to the text, bring conclusion to the experience of reading this particular text, and stimulate further extensions.

1. What new things do the mole sisters try in the story?
2. How do they use their imaginations?
3. When do they show that they are brave?
4. What can you do to have more adventures in your life?
5. In what situations can you show your bravery?