

Pre/Post Activities

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Storytime Pick

While You're Asleep

Author & Illustrator: Emmy Kastner

Grades: PK-2

Pre-Reading Activity

The book we are going to listen to is about some animals that sleep during the night and some animals that are awake. Animals that are awake at night are called “nocturnal animals.” Ask your students if they can name any nocturnal animals. List them on the whiteboard or on a piece of chart paper. You can extend your students’ thinking by asking them to also share what those animals do when they’re awake at night. Say, “As we read, see if the animals you thought of are in this book and if you learn about any new nocturnal animals.”

Post-Reading Activity

In this story, nocturnal animals do some silly activities at night. The beaver plays the banjo, and the opossum paints a portrait. Make up your own silly stories about what nocturnal animals do at night. To bring it to life, have your students act it out and turn it into a game of charades. What would it look like for a trout to play basketball at night? How about a bat singing a sonnet? Be as silly and creative as you can!