

Using Your Local Library

Getting to know your local library can be a part of learning to love books. You can borrow great books for free from your library, which means you can have lots of books in your home for your child to explore!

Taking your child to the library and letting him choose his own books can be fun. Your child will get excited if you plan the trip together. In preparation for your book adventure you could ask your child:

- How many books will you choose?
- Will you borrow books that have animals in them?
- What kind of books would you like to look at?

Libraries also offer story times and activities for young children. Going to these sessions is a way to help your child become familiar with the library, have fun and enjoy books and stories.

Contact your library for more information!



Valentine S'mores Trail Mix



Ingredients:

- 1 cup m&m's
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 box honey Teddy Grahams

Instructions:

1. Mix all ingredients together in a bowl.
2. Divide into bags for a sweet treat or to give away.

Is There a Reader of the Month in Your Life?

Like Adriana, featured on the back of this newsletter, your child could be our next **Reader of the Month!** Send us a photo of your child reading a favorite Ferst Readers book and tell us your Ferst story.

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We love reading!

2019 Parent Survey!

Scan the QR code or complete the survey online at ferstreaders.org/parentsurvey

Surveys completed by **April 1st** will be entered into a drawing for two \$50 gift cards and a selection of books to three participants!

English



Spanish



Prairie Chicken Little

Author: Jackie Mims Hopkins; Illustrator: Henry Cole
Peachtree Publishers



R Repeat the Book: Repeating gives more chances to learn the vocabulary.

First Read (events): Look at the cover, read the title, and say, “*I think that this prairie chicken is upset about something. Let’s read and find out.*” Tell your child what a stampede is - what sounds warn that a stampede is coming? Talk about whether the buffalo are getting ready for a stampede. Ask the first read question in the Ask Questions section.

Second Read (emotions): Look at the cover and say, “*I wonder if the prairie chicken gets everyone else upset about the stampede? Let’s read and find out.*” Talk about how Mary is very upset and how she keeps repeating the warning signs of a stampede. Explain how this makes everyone rush to the ranch. Let your child help you read the repeating part: “*A stampede’s a comin’!*” Ask the second read question.

Third Read (retell): Look at the cover and say, “*Remember the story about the prairie chicken and the stampede? It is your turn to tell me the story using the book.*” Ask the third read question.

Vocabulary

Use these words when you talk with your child this month

stampede - when a large group of scared animals run together

squawk - bird’s scream

intention - purpose

holler - cry out loud, yell

passage - a way through from one place to another

E Engage and Enjoy: Using these activities keeps your child’s interest in the story.

This is a great book for using different voices. All of the characters in the story say something, so use a different voice for each one! If you want to make it more interesting for your child, use your silliest and most expressive voices to keep his or her attention.

A Ask Questions: After talking about the book, ask questions to promote deeper thinking.

After the first read, ask, “*Why did Mary, the prairie chicken, think a stampede was coming?*”

After the second read, ask, “*Why did everyone believe her?*”

After the third read, ask, “*Why did the animals make so much noise when the coyote showed them the shortcut to the ranch?*”

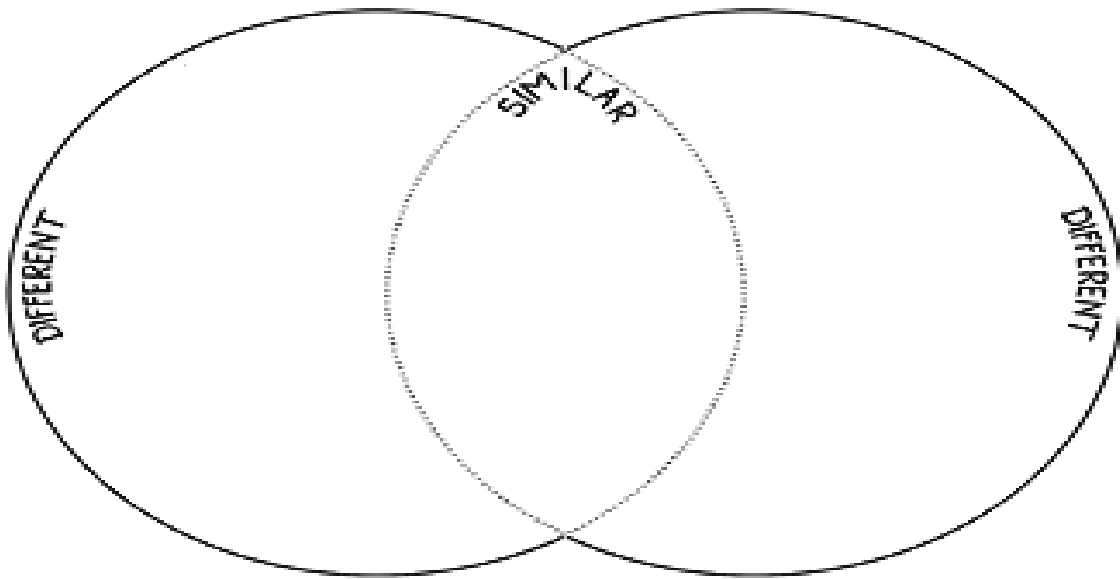
D Do More: Use other activities to help your child connect vocabulary to their world outside of the story.

On the next page, there are some additional activities which you can do with your child.

Things to Do

Prairie Chicken Little is based on the original tale of Chicken Little or Henny Penny. In the original story, Chicken Little thinks the "...the sky is falling" and he must tell the king. Of course, in this story the sky is not falling and there is no stampede.

Check out a few different versions from the library and use them to compare the different stories. Using the chart below list what is different and what is the same?



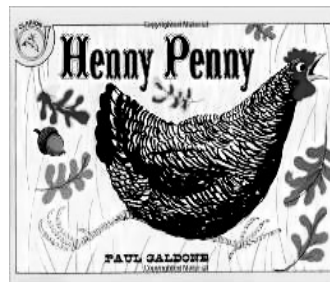
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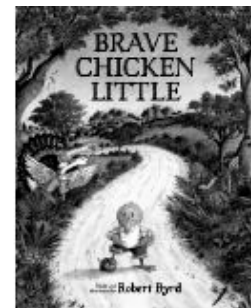
by Laura Rader



by Robert Byrd



by Steve Kellogg



by Paul Galdone

Ferst Readers has adopted and adapted the READ guide format courtesy of:



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Read Right

From the Start

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Adriana Loves Her Books!

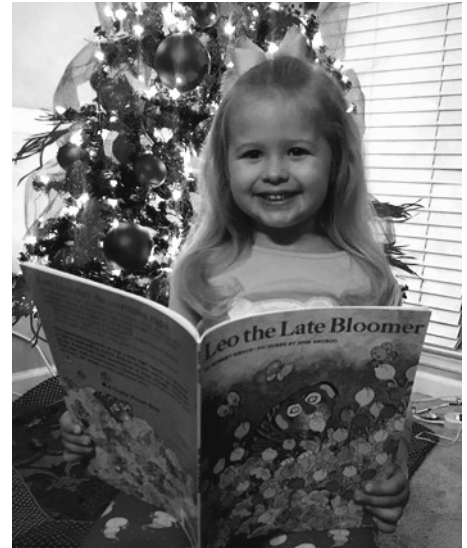
We love hearing from our parents! Here is an email we received recently which shares one child's love of reading and the difference Ferst Readers is making in her life.

Hi,

Each month when another Ferst book arrives, my daughter Adriana expresses sincere joy and happiness. We always take time to read together but what I love best is how the program fosters a genuine love of books. Every month is a new story to read but even her older Ferst books are regularly pulled out and read again and again. She loves to read with each family member and especially loves to tell the story once more in her own words.

Thank you for allowing this fantastic program in Muscogee County. I truly believe my daughter's love of books started early because of the Ferst program.

Sincerely,
Kinsey Williams



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