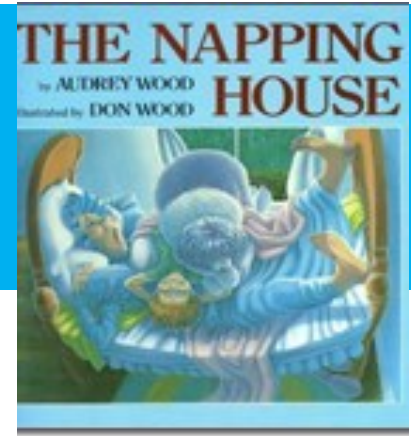


Pre-K Essential Literature

The Napping House

by Audrey Wood



- Talk about sharing a bed with someone. Describe the type of bed and its size.
- Talk about the word “cozy”. Tell a story about something you once had that was cozy.
- What would happen if you did not get any sleep? How would you feel?
- Make a list of things you like to have when you sleep.
- Come up with movements that go with what we do once we are sleeping. Dreaming child, snoring granny, dozing child.
- Notice how the story repeats after each page and wonder why that is.
- Have the children act out the characters while reading *The Napping House*
- Look at the house, discuss the shape of the house and other shapes it could be
- Play “ I Spy” and see if the child can spot other animals in the story that are not talked about.
- How does the family feel? Are they in a hurry to go back to sleep?

Napping Math

- Sequencing and sorting helps children learn about order. After reading the story discuss sizes and order with your child.
- Take a bucket or tray full of different size blocks and let your child sort them into 2 groups.. If your child can sort pretty easily add medium size big and little blocks to the group and allow them to sort small, medium, and large. Finally, use the blocks and order them from smallest to largest or largest to smallest.

Napping Songs — Music

- Using your fingers for finger play, sing ***Are you Sleeping Are you Sleeping.*** Use your fingers to act out other movements in other parts of the song.
- Next, sing ***Ten in the Bed*** using gestures and movements to act out the verses in the song.

No Biting While you Sleep

We all get bumped at times which may cause us to feel angry. If we are angry we may do inappropriate things like biting to get back at someone. Talk to your child about the importance of using their words to handle conflict with others. Role play ways that problems can be solved with out using physical means. List things our teeth are used for. What are some problems that can happen to someone else or them because of biting?

Day and Night

Discuss with your child activities that people may do in the daytime and activities that are done at night. Discuss animals that are awake in day time and ones awake at night. Use stuffed animals to help sort each animal in their right group.

Looking beyond the cover: *The Napping House*

About the Author

Audrey Wood’s first memories of storytelling were in Sarasota, Florida, where her father was employed by Ringling Brothers Circus, commissioned to repaint the big top and sideshow murals. As she became friends with the characters of the circus, she heard stories about them from the family of “little people” who lived next door to her family. Audrey was the first of three girls. As the oldest, she began her gift of storytelling with her younger sisters. She would use her parents’ art books and make up stories about the paintings.

By the time she was in fourth grade, her ambition was to become an author\illustrator. Audrey used the medium of children’s literature to practice the disciplines of art, music, drama, dance, and writing. Her unique work creates a sense of imagination and excitement. Audrey loves step and repeat stories for the “music of language”. An example of this would be her famous book, *The Napping House*”.



More Interactive Read

Interactive read alouds are amazing for young children . The music, call and response are examples that can be used to read these books to children even before they can really read by themselves . They are outstanding for story time.

For close reading, ask children to describe what happens once everyone is awake and outside. How do they feel? Are they in a hurry to go back to sleep?

Here’s a list of some of our favorite interactive read alouds:

Jump, Frog, Jump! By Robert Kalan

Yo! Yes? By Chris Raschka

Down by the Cool of the Pool by Tony Mitton

Go Away Big Green Monster by Ed Emberley

Press Here by Herve Tullet

Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock by Eric Kimmell

Check it out!

Like *The Napping House*, Here are some other great books to check out at Nashville Public Library about friends:

Alphabet Adventure

Blue Sky

Balloon

Silly Sally

Quick as a Cricket



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