World Read Aloud Day 2021

Useful tips on sharing the story with preschool children

***Fly, everyone, fly!* is suitable for reading aloud to children 6 years and older, but that doesn't mean that younger children can't enjoy the story too! Here are some ideas on how to share the story with children aged 3 to 6 years.**

Before

- A few days before sharing the story with children, read it a few times. Get to know the story well enough so that you can retell it in your own way.
- Think about how to bring the story alive.
  - Introduce the story in a way that ***sparks*** children's curiosity. For example: ***Write a letter that says: 'Who wants to join me on a bus trip to visit Gogo? Love, Afrika.'*** Leave the letter somewhere where the children will find it and when they do, ***read*** it to them. Use chairs to make the 'seats' of the bus.
  - Find parts of the story where the children can join in. For example: ***doing the actions to Josh's song.***
  - What facial expressions and gestures can you use as you tell the story? For example: ***smiling*** ***and*** ***waving like Gogo at the bus stop.***
  - Collect and/or make some of the objects mentioned in the story to show as you tell the story. For example: ***a backpack with paper in it, a paper aeroplane.*** Or, download and print the story's pictures from **www.nalibali.org**
- Practise telling the story.

During

- Introduce then tell the story to the children.

After

- Ask open-ended questions to encourage the children to think and talk about ideas linked to the story. For example: ***Would you rather be a plane or a bus? Why?***
- Together, pretend to be something that flies. Say what you are.
- Invite the children to:
  - make bus tickets or ***draw*** pictures about the story with crayons, kokis, paper and scissors.
  - ***play*** on the bus you made. (They can also ***dress up*** for the journey!)
  - make scenes from the story using playdough or clay.
  - make planes or buses with recycled materials (like cardboard boxes, paper towel rolls, bottle tops), glue, scissors and paint.

Most importantly, ***have fun!***

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