Guided Reading and Writing Purposes

Big Rain Coming by Katrina Germein, illustrated by Bronwyn Bancroft

Australian Curriculum Mathematics Content Descriptions covered through this text:

Measurement and Geometry, Using Units of Measurement Foundation
  • Connect days of the week to familiar events and actions

Guided Reading Purposes
Read to discover your favourite page
Activate background knowledge: Ask students to tell you their favourite animal. Use the PODD animal pages as a resource

Read to discuss what they are waiting for
Activate background knowledge: discuss different things we wait for, can reference school bus for most students

Read to discover when the rain comes
Activate background knowledge: discuss days of the week using school days and weekend days

Read to discover your favourite way they kept cool
Activate background knowledge: Talk about different ways we use to cool down – swimming, fan, air conditioner, water

Read to discuss why it is so brown
Activate background knowledge: Talk about how plants need water to stay green, relate to class garden

Writing purposes
  • Make a class book about rain using this writing frame: I _________ rain
  • Write about what you do when it's hot
  • Write about how you feel when it's hot
  • Write about your favourite day of the week (and tell us why)
  • Write about something you do on Monday
  • Write about something you do on Tuesday (etc)
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