

Goodnight Moon

by Margaret Wise Brown

Simple text with fluid rhymes make this wonderful picture book a nighttime favorite.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *This is a story about a little bunny who is about to go to bed. Do you have a favorite bedtime story?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder if this is someone's bedroom?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations and ask the children if they can hear the words that rhyme. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in *Goodnight Moon*

- **mush:** a soft pulpy mass

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What color is your bedroom at home?
- What are some things that you have in your room? Do you say goodnight to any of these things?
- How many people do you say goodnight to before you go to bed? Who are they?
- Does everybody in your house go to bed at the same time?
- What about your pets? Where do they sleep at night? Can you think of any animals that do not sleep at night?
- Other than the moon, what are some other things you see in the sky at night?

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Real Rabbits

Find out about real bunnies by reading a non-fiction book after you've read *Goodnight Moon*. How and where do they really sleep? What do they eat? What is their fur like? Do they play? Can they see in the dark?

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