

Commander in Cheese #1: The Big Move

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Inauguration Day is the day that a new president and his/her family moves into the White House. It's a day filled with movers, boxes and parties, which means it's also the perfect day for the mice who live there to go on a daring adventure!

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, **What if there were mice hiding in the White House?** 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 what kind of hiding places are in the White House.

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Introduce the concepts of comparison, perspective and persuasion to help the children relate to their meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in **Commander in Cheese #1: The Big Move**

- sibling: brother or sister
- scamper: run quickly with light steps
- forefathers: person from a past generation; ancestor
- treaty: agreement between countries
- passage: a narrow tunnel
- quest: difficult adventure in search of something
- oath: a promise to behave in a certain way

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Have you ever moved into a new house?
- Do you have a pet? If so, what kind?
- Have you ever seen a mouse?
- How did the mice stay hidden in the White House?
- How long has the Squeakerton Family lived in the White House?
- What are some examples of items in the Squeakerton's Treasure Room?
- What toy did Ava and Dean most want to add to the Children's Collection of the Treasure Room?
- How did Ava and Dean escape? Who helped them?

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Do

Inauguration Day Past & Present

After reading the story, have the class think about what they learned about Inauguration Day. Use facts from Ava & Dean's adventure and the Inauguration Day: Present/Inauguration Day: Past sections at the back of the book to help with the following activity.

Write down four facts about our current Inauguration Day traditions:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Consider how Inauguration Day has changed over the years. Write down four ways our Inauguration Day traditions have changed since George Washington's first inaugural address in 1789.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.