

Guess How Much I Love You

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The adorable Little Nutbrown Hare will capture your heart in this wonderful story of a baby rabbit showing his father just how much he loves him.



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 book about a baby rabbit and his father explaining to each other how much they love each other.* 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 why this bunny has its arms spread wide?

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. 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 *Guess How Much I Love You*

- stretching: to extend the body to full length
- idea: a thought or mental picture of something
- tumbled: to roll around
- branches: a limb of a tree that grows out from the tree trunk
- lane: a narrow path or road

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Little Nutbrown Hare is supposed to be going to bed. Is this guessing game his way of stalling? What do you do when you don't want to go to bed when it's time?
- Can you think of any other names for a hare?
- What was the first way that Little Nutbrown Hare told his father how he loved him? What did Big Nutbrown Hare say?
- Who do you think loves the other more? Do they love each other the same amount? Why do you think so?
- Do you think Little Nutbrown Hare will grow to have arms as big as Big Nutbrown Hare? Will he be able to hop as high as Big Nutbrown Hare?
- Which part of the book was your favorite? Why?
- Little Nutbrown Hare says he loves Big Nutbrown Hare all the way to the moon because the moon is very far away. Can you think of other things that are very far away?

Do

Guess How Many, How Big, How Long

With *Guess How Much I Love You* as an inspiration, engage the class in a series of estimation games: How many pennies are in the jar? How many steps from the front of the classroom to the back? How long is each child's arm? After the children make their guesses, find out the actual answers. How far off were you?

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