

Trade Book

Title: *There's A Nightmare in My Closet*
Author and Illustrator: Mercer Mayer
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers

Copyright: 1968
Genre: Realistic Fiction
Grade Level: First Grade

Theme: Monsters and Nightmares

Synopsis: A young boy is getting ready for bed. As he turns out the light he hears something in his closet. He gets scared, so he quickly grabs his pop gun to shoot at the monster. However, once he scares the monster, the monster starts to cry. The boy invites the monster into his bed so that the boy can make the monster feel better. That is when the boy decides monsters are not so scary after all.

Activity One:

Source: My Own Idea

Objective: After brainstorming what closet monsters could look like, the students will construct miniature monsters out of construction paper with 100% participation.

Activity: The students will use a variety of different shapes and colors of construction paper to create imaginary monsters. Once the students are done they will show their monster to the class and explain where it lives in their home.

Activity Two:

Source: My Own Idea

Objective: After discussing good ways to get rid of nightmares, students will draw out a plan on how to get rid of a monster in a closet with 100% participation.

Activity: Students will use drawing paper to illustrate how they would get rid or capture a monster in a closet. The ideas should be creative and non-violent.