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Trade Book Sheet

Title of book: Chester the Out-of-Work dog

Author's name: Marilyn Singer

Publisher: The Trumpet Club

Copyright year: 1992

Reading level: 500L Grade 3

Genre: Modern Fantasy

Synopsis of story: Chester lives with the Wippenhooper family on a farm. Everyone has a job to do including Chester. He herds sheep. One day the Wippenhooper family moves to an apartment in the city. Chester doesn't have anything to do and gets into trouble trying to herd delivery men, garbage men, firemen and policemen. Chester decides he is going back to the farm so he runs away. On his way he finds a school bus full of children dressed as sheep. Their bus has broken down and they need to get to the elementary school in town to put on their play. Chester knows the way so he herds them back to town. Chester ends up with a new job; he becomes the school-crossing guard.

Standard: K.2.5 Social Studies Identify and follow school rules to ensure order and safety.

Activity: We will go over the school rules (walking down the hallway, lining up, using the restroom, fire drills, etc.). We will discuss the safety issues and why these rules are important. We will then "practice" the correct way to perform all of these activities. *These activities will probably have to be practiced more than once.

Standard: K.3.5 Describe simple differences and similarities between ways people live in cities and on farms.

Activity: City/Farm Collage: Using pictures from magazines students will create simple Venn Diagrams. In one circle they will put pictures of city life; in the other circle they will put pictures of farm life; and in the middle they will put pictures accurate for both.