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Trade Book Sheet

Title of book: A Spree in Pairee

Author's name: Catherine Stock

Publisher: Holiday House

Copyright year: 2004

Reading level: Grade 3

Genre: Multicultural

Synopsis of story: This is a silly story of a very hard working farmer in France. He decides he needs a holiday so he loads up all of his farm animals and they go to Paris. It talks about all of the sites they visit while in Paris such as the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre Museum. The farmer is exhausted once he gets home from his trip and decides that taking holidays is more work than just staying on the farm.

Standard: K.2.2 Use pictures and context to aid comprehension and to make predictions about story content.

Activity: Small group reading circles

Materials

- A Spree in Pairee

Procedures

The teacher should read the book to small groups of students. Before turning the page the teacher should tell the students what site the farm animals are going to visit next. Then the students should make predictions of what the animals will do there. For example: Tell them the goats are going to the Luxembourg Gardens. Ask the students what the goats might do at/to the gardens. Turn the page and read the text. There is a lot of activity going on in the pictures so discuss the illustrations having the students point out all that is happening.

Standard: K.4.2 Tell a story that the teacher or some other person will write.

Activity: A Spree at My House!

Materials

- Construction paper
- Markers
- Yarn
- Hole punch

Procedures

After Reading the story students are going to “write” their own book titled A Spree at My House. Each student will dictate to the teacher/aide what farm animals would do for fun if they went to their house for vacation. The teacher should write three ideas from the student on three separate pieces of construction paper. The student will then illustrate their own book. They will also copy the title and illustrate a front cover. Using a hole punch and yarn the books will be bound with a back cover also and shared with the rest of the class.