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Literacy Block

Bloom's Taxonomy Questions

Background Information:

Henkes, K. (2004). *Kitten's first full moon*. United States of America: HarperCollins Publishers.

Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes is about Kitten who notices the moon for the first time and mistakes it for a big bowl of milk. Kitten then tries to get a taste of the "milk" only to swallow a bug. She then attempts to leap at the "bowl of milk" but falls down the steps. She then tries to chase the "bowl of milk" only to discover that she never gets closer to it. Kitten starts getting tired from trying to get to the "bowl of milk" but does not give up. She tries to reach the "milk" by climbing up a tall tree. She discovers a much larger "bowl of milk" in the pond below the tree, leaps into the pond, and is left cold, wet, tired, and hungry. She decides to head back home and finds that she has a surprise waiting for her when she gets there.

This book is appropriate for Kindergarten through Second Grade readers.

Bloom's Taxonomy Questions:

1. KNOWLEDGE

Make a list of all the ways Kitten tries to get to the bowl of milk.

This question asks students to recall the events of the story.

2. COMPREHENSION

What object does Kitten mistake for a bowl of milk?

This question is to make sure that students understand that when the author uses the term "bowl of milk" the object he is referring to is really is the moon.

3. APPLICATION

Have you ever tried to accomplish something but struggled as Kitten did? What did you do to reach your goal? How did that make you feel?

This question is taking a real life application to the story. Kitten encountered struggles and the students can relate to that.

4. ANALYSIS

Why didn't Kitten keep give up trying to catch the bowl of milk? What character qualities does she show?

This question is asking students to analyze and examine the character qualities of Kitten.

5. SYNTHESIS

What do you think Kitten will do now that she has found a bigger "bowl of milk" in the pond?

This question is asking students to predict what will happen next in the story.

6. EVALUATION

What was your favorite part of the story? Explain why.

This question allows students to voice their critical opinions and justify their answers. They cannot get this answer wrong because it is based upon their opinion.