

BOOK OF THE MONTH:

It's Great Being a Dad

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Ages 4-8

1. Introducing the book:



Exploring the Cover

So many characters on the cover! But can you guess who the dad is? Name or describe a few of the other characters. How do they all fit into the story? What could the connection be?

Building Background

June 18th is Father's Day in Canada; it is a great time to thank dads and father figures for the many wonderful things they do. What is your favorite activity to do together with dad? What would be something new that you would like to try out with dad?

2. Reading the book:

While reading the book:

- Try to predict what kind of trouble each character will get into;
- If you were the dad, how would you solve each of the character's problems? Would you do it the same way or try something different?
- What character would you create if you were playing with the children in the story?

3. After reading the book:

Father's Day Bingo



Materials:

- Father's Day Bingo card
- Pencils/pens

Play Bingo to find out more about each other's dads and father figures. Print as many cards as children participate. You can pre-write the questions on small pieces of paper and toss them in a bag, or you could ask the questions in any order since each child's answer will be different. The questions are related to dads' appearances, favorite activities and preferences.

Examples of questions:

- Does your dad have blond/red/black/brown hair?
- Does your dad have one child or many children?
- Does your dad like painting/dancing/fishing etc.?

The child marks the icon that corresponds to their dad. The icons leave room for interpretation so feel free to make up your own questions. Whoever fills 5 squares in a row first (vertically, horizontally or diagonally) wins.

Daddy's Helper



Together with dad, write down which tasks and activities the child can help with (ex. grocery shopping, vacuuming, walking the dog etc.). Fold the papers with the tasks and ideas and put them in a special jar. If you want you can also decorate the jar. Once a day, pull out one idea out of the jar and help dad.

References and resources

- Father's Day Bingo card (attached)

Legend



Cognitive



Socio-emotional



Language



Physical