

The Giant Jellybean Jar

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Sweet humor, a multicultural community and simple riddles make this a new classroom favorite. Children will cheer as the young boy overcomes his painfully shy personality and begins to be heard.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *Which flavor of jellybean is your favorite?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder how many jellybeans are in the jar?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end.

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What was the name of the jellybean shop?
- How did the kids win free jars of jellybeans?
- What kind of flavors did they have at Jo-Jo's Jellybean Shop?
- What were some of the answers to the riddles?
- Why didn't Ben ever win the prizes?
- What was the answer that Ben gave to win the jellybean jar?

Riddle Me This!

Give the children several riddles to answer. Below are a few riddles you could use.

I live in the woods.
I'm very big and furry.
I like to eat fish and berries.
I am a... bear.

My skin is green and slippery.
I have four legs and webbed feet.
I can swim under water and hop on land.
I am a... frog.

I'm a soft and furry pet.
I have four legs and a long tail.
I like to chase mice.
I am a... cat.

I have a tail that wags.
I bark when I talk.
My name rhymes with log.
I am a...dog.

I have a snout nose.
My skin is pink and a little hairy.
My name rhymes with twig.
I am a...pig.

I am brown and green.
I lose my leaves in the fall.
My name rhymes with tea.
I am a...tree.