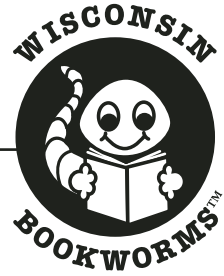


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Activity Sheet



Mouse Mess

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There's a mouse in the house, and when he wakes up he's going to be hungry for a snack. From cookies and crackers to olives, cheese and sticky jam, Mouse munches his way through the kitchen and makes a big mess!

Before you read this book: Practice the rhymes in the book. Can you make the sound of "sticky gooey?"

Collect clothing gift boxes, and cover them with white butcher or flip-chart paper to decorate later.

While you read this book: Look closely at all the "furniture" in Mouse's house. What's special about his clock? (It's a watch!) His bed? (a sardine can!). Anything else?

Slow down to encourage the kids to find the different kinds of food on each page. Bring in fresh examples (check with your school first!) or pictures of the food. What's their favorite food? Is it a banana, cookies, pickles?

Reading Tip: Don't be afraid to ham it up with silly voices, funny faces and dramatic sound effects. Making reading a source of pleasure makes children more eager to read.

After you read this book: Make super-sized corn flakes boxes from gift boxes. Let your kids decorate them with their favorite cereal. Have cereal for lunch or a snack that day. Talk about Mouse "raking the corn flakes and jumping into the pile he makes."

Have more pictures of food from magazines. Encourage your kids to make collages of their favorite foods.

At home: Make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with a glass of milk (just like Mouse!) for a snack while you read the book together.

Extend the fun with these great books about mice:

"If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" by Laura Joffe Numeroff, Illustrated by Felicia Bond, "Mouse Paint" by Ellen Stoll Walsh

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