

Clifford Goes to Dog School

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Subject Area: Language Arts

Book Summary

When Emily Elizabeth's auntie decides to train Clifford, she is in for a big Clifford-sized lesson.

Children will use a book with cassette to develop listening and reading skills and will engage in activities to identify high-frequency words.

Before Reading

Show the children the book *Clifford Goes to Dog School*. Ask them to predict what types of things Clifford will learn at dog school.

Clifford's Words

- Sentence-strip paper
- Marker
- Resealable plastic bag
- Writing paper
- Pencils

In advance: Write the following words on individual pieces of sentence strip paper: *I, he, she, can, was, dog, Clifford, a, sit, stay, school*.

Activity

1. During small-group time, show the children the word cards and tell them that these are words that are found in the story *Clifford Goes to Dog School*. Review the words and encourage them to read words they recognize.
2. Give each of the children one or two words. Ask them to assist you in rereading the story. As you read each page encourage them to find their words and hold up their word as you read it. Point to each word as the text is read. Encourage the children to read with you any words that they already know.
3. Afterwards, have the children place all of the words on the table. Then give each child a sheet of lined paper and a pencil. Invite the children to use the words to create a sentence about Clifford.
4. Place the words in a resealable plastic bag and include it with the book. Encourage the class to continue to use the words during reading and writing time.

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- Subjects:

Changes and New Experiences, Cooperation and Teamwork, Guided Reading, Literature, Word

Recognition, Literature Appreciation, Listening Comprehension, Vocabulary, Expository Writing, Animals, Early Reading, Early Writing, Pets, Manners and Conduct, Teacher Tips and Strategies

- Skills:

Reading Comprehension, Listening and Speaking, Listening Comprehension, Vocabulary, Expository Writing