

Dear Treefrog

A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Themes: Change, Curiosity, Friendship, Patience,

Grade Level: Kindergarten to 3rd Grade

Book Brief: When a shy girl moves to a strange new home, she discovers a treefrog perched in a secret spot nearby. She learns that sometimes, all it takes to connect with the people and the world around us is a little patience, a curious mind, and a willingness

to see the world through a different perspective than your own.

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, build background: In this story, a girl moves to a new home and finds a treefrog in a secret spot. Treefrogs can be hard to find because they are small, quiet, and good at hiding.

While reading, make inferences: The girl experiences lots of different feelings throughout this story. We can make inferences about how the girl is feeling through the words and pictures. As you read, ask your child how the girl is feeling, why she is feeling that way, and what details in the words or pictures support their thinking.

After reading, ask questions:

- How did the frog help the girl throughout the story?
- How did the girl's feelings change from the beginning of the story to the end?
- Why do you think the girl and the boy become friends?

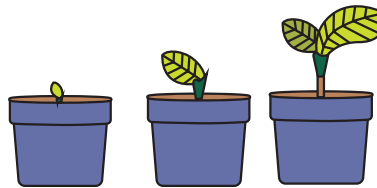
RELATED ACTIVITIES

HAIKU POEM

A Haiku is a traditional form of Japanese poetry that is often about nature. The poem has three lines and rarely rhymes. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the third line has 5 syllables. Have your child select something from nature and write a Haiku poem about the item.



NATURE OBSERVATION



With your child, select a plant or animal that is in your home or community. Observe it every day for a week and draw/write what you notice. Discuss what you learn through your observations.

ANIMAL YOGA

Yoga is a great way for your child to practice deep breathing and mindfulness. In the story, the girl becomes a treefrog during child's pose in gym class. With your child, think of some of your favorite animals. You can either use the internet to search if a yoga pose already exists for that animal or create your own pose!



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

- [The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science \(2018\)](#)
- [Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors \(2009\)](#)
- [Sometimes Rain \(2018\)](#)