

The Hallo-Weiner

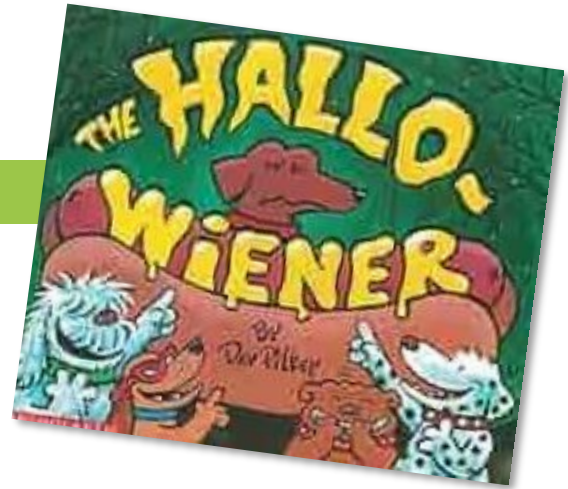
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Halloween, Being Yourself

Book Brief: Oscar is a little dog with a big problem -- he gets more tricks than treats because other dogs tease him all the time. But one brave act on Halloween makes Oscar a Grade-A hero, proving that a little *wiener* can be a real winner!

Author:
Dav Pilkey

Illustrator:
Dav Pilkey



BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about Oscar.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "What does it mean to be a true friend? Explain." (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, think about how Oscar is treated and how he treats his friends."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Why do you think Oscar wore the costume his mom made?
- How did being slow help Oscar?
- How did Oscar feel at the end of the book compared to how he felt in the beginning of the story?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Oscar saves the day and friends even though they weren't nice to him. What choice would you have made if you were Oscar?

Extending Our Thinking: Oscar's mom designed a costume to fit Oscar. Using RIF's [Create A Character](#), have students create a costume for Oscar and explain how it could help save the day just like Oscar's.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.