TIME TO READ!

RELATED ACTIVITIES

INTENTIONAL TALK

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Before: Read the title of the story and look at the cover. Ask your child what they notice and what they know about penguins.

During: As you read, ask “What are the penguin parents doing for their chick? Why?” Also, ask your child to make predictions with “What do you think will happen next? Why?”

After, ask questions:
• What do penguins eat? How or where do they get it?
• Describe how the penguin parents care for their chick.
• Explain how the penguin chick got food.

WADDLE LIKE A PENGUIN
Material: a soft ball or object that you can place between your feet

The male penguin must keep the egg warm for two months before it can hatch. Place a ball representing an egg on your feet. Pretend to be the father penguin and try waddling around, but don’t drop your egg!

Thinking Beyond the Text - An important skill for
new readers to develop is to make connections
between what they are reading in books and the
world around them. In this way, they bring their thoughts to what they are reading and develop a greater understanding of a story or text. It also helps them share their thoughts and ideas with

others. As you read The Emperor’s Egg, encourage your child to find a part of the story that reminds them of your own family, or even things they’ve heard or seen before reading this book. This will help them make connections and see how the book fits into their world and create meaning with the text.

OTHER BOOKS ILLUSTRATED BY JANE CHAPMAN

• Bear Snores On (2002)
• One Tiny Turtle (2001)
• Big Bear Little Bear (2001)

The Emperor’s Egg

Themes: Animals, Family, Lifecycles

Book Brief: The male Emperor penguin endures the freezing Antarctic winter without food for two months, standing on an egg to keep it warm while his mate fishes. This remarkable dedication makes him one of nature’s most devoted fathers.

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