



High Fliers!

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Teamwork, Problem-Solving, Adventure

Book Brief: An imaginative story about three animal friends who build a hot air balloon to make their dream of flying come true and learn to work together when challenges arise!

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover and title.

The Pictures: Take a quick picture walk and ask students what they notice about the illustrations.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "Have you ever wanted to do something really exciting or try something new? What did you do to make it happen?" (Optional: Think-Pair-Share)

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

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, pay attention to the problem the friends face and how they work together to solve it."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What do the three friends want to do?
- How do they build their hot air balloon?
- What problem happens when they're flying?
- How do the friends solve the problem and land safely?



Think Aloud: "When the storm appears, the friends have a big problem—they need to land safely! I notice they work together and use their ideas to figure out how to get down. This shows me that teamwork helps us solve problems."

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What problem did the friends face in the story? How did they work together to solve it?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "What is something you and your friends like to build or create together?" Encourage students to work in small groups to design and build their own simple creation using blocks, paper, craft materials, or other classroom supplies. They should decide together what to make, build it as a team, and share with the class what they created and how they worked together.

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