

City Dog, Country Frog

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Seasons, Life Cycle, Friendship

Grade Level: K to 1st grade

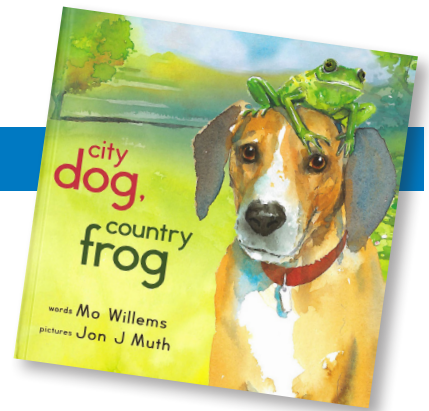
Book Brief: The book tells the story of two unlikely friends, city dog and country frog.

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Mo Willems

Illustrator:

Jon J. Muth



TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Begin by discussing the title. Ask, “What does it mean to be from the city? How about the country?” Where are most of the children from? Show a few pages from the story and talk about how we can tell what *season* it is based on the illustrations.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

FUNNY FROG FACES (AGES 5-7)

Ingredients: English muffin halves, cream cheese, green food coloring, banana slices, raisins, fruit leather

Give each child a muffin half. Add a few drops of food coloring to the cream cheese; spread cheese on muffin. Place two banana slices toward the top of the muffin. Put a raisin in the middle of each slice to make eyes. Use part of a fruit leather to make the frog's long, sticky tongue. Enjoy!

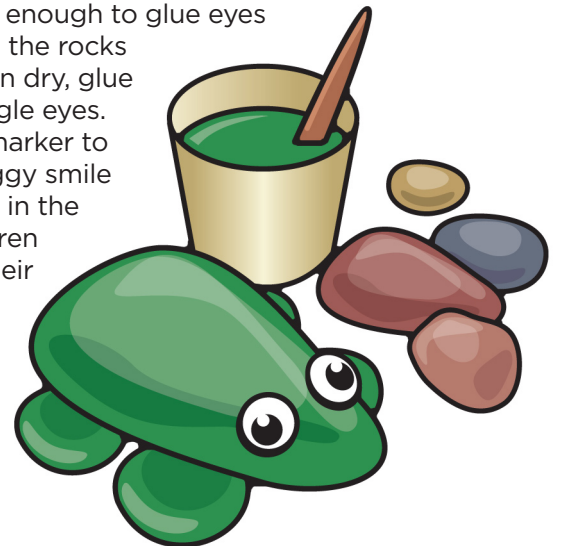
SEASONAL SORTING (AGES 5-7)

Hold a seasonal sort using different season-specific items (such as a bathing suit, hat, sunglasses, coat, pumpkin, flowers, etc.). Mark off four different areas of the room and label them by season. Ask students to take turns picking an item and grouping it with the right season. Have them explain their decision. Can some items be used in more than one season? Discuss!

FRIENDSHIP FROGS (AGES 5-7)

Materials: rocks, green paint, brushes, glue, wiggle eyes, black marker

Let each child choose a rock (make sure it's big enough to glue eyes onto). Paint the rocks green. When dry, glue on two wiggle eyes. Use black marker to make a froggy smile like the one in the book. Children can keep their friendship frog for themselves or share with a special friend!



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

Fluffy and Baron, Laura Rankin (2006), *Forever Friends*, Carin Berger (2011), *Owen and Mzee*, Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff and Dr. Paula Kahumbu (2006).

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