We're Roaming in the Rainforest

A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Animals, Ecosystems, Conservation, Habitats, Geography

Grade Level: K to 1st grade

Book Brief: This book uses playful rhymes and colorful illustrations to take readers on a journey through the Amazon.

Author: Laurie Krebs

Illustrator: Anne Wilson

Content Connections: Science, Social Studies

TIME TO READ!

BEFORE WE READ, LET'S LOOK AT...

The Cover: What animals do students recognize from the cover illustration? What do they know about those animals? Are there any animals they're not sure of?

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk. Have students name as many of the animals as possible.

Prior Knowledge: Increase student awareness of the rainforest by showing them the map at the end of the book. Share some of the interesting facts about location and animal species. Why is the rainforest so important to our planet?

Vocabulary: gurgle, murmur, nectar, snare, dusk, lullabies

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about questions you have about the rainforest and the animals that live there. For example, when I read the title and looked at the illustration, I wondered if it would it be dangerous to roam around the rainforest."

WHILE WE READ

MONITORING COMPREHENSION

- What do you notice about the sloth's toes?
- What other animal does the caiman remind you of?
- How did the ants get their name?
- Why would the jaguars hunt at night?
- Are all the animals asleep at night?

LET'S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: Ask, "What were some of the questions that came to your mind while reading today?" Make a chart labeled 'I wonder...' and write down student responses. Discuss possible answers as a class. Assign small groups questions to discuss or research to deepen comprehension.

Extending Our Thinking: Did any students manage to count how many animals they saw in the book, or did they all lose track? Have the class call out the names of all the animals they remember and write them on the board. Explain that the incredible *biodiversity* in the rainforest is just one of the reasons it's so important for our planet. Why else is it important? Revisit your earlier discussion. What would happen if we cut down the rainforest?

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

- Extension Activities for Educators also available.
- Vocabulary Scaffolding Sheet also available.

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