where is the green sheep?
by Mem Fox

Book Overview

Here’s a flock of sheep one doesn’t see every day: red, yellow, and blue ones, as well as sheep in the tub, on the playground, and in cars and trains. And here’s a book one doesn’t see every day: a narrative perfectly attuned to a toddler’s sense of playful discovery. As listeners (who will be able to “read” this story on their own after a few encounters) search for that elusive green sheep, they’ll also be able to reinforce concepts (such as near and far or brave and scared) and enjoy a little wordplay along the way.

Learning outcome from NT curriculum framework

Activities

Make ‘green sheep’ with paper plates and cotton balls that have been dyed and dried with green food colouring or dye.

Have a ‘treasure hunt’ with one of the sheep or more with instructions on them. Eg; ‘Go to the next sheep which is…..’

Sing baa, baa green sheep?

Get the kids to find the green sheep in the book.

They love it. Get them to use directional language like “near the tree..”

Excellent book for learning colours.
Guided reading lessons: encourage the children to participate by reading and saying, ‘But where is the green sheep?’

Repetition: Make use of the language and get the students to do the reading. Use the Big Book.

Make lots of sheep. Green sheep too! Use paper plates and cotton wool. Hide all the sheep around the class and have a treasure hunt for the green one!

Learn positional and directional language: here, far, up, down etc.

Excellent for opposites: up-down; scared-brave etc.

Look at the activities the sheep are doing: snorkelling, eating, boating.

Do a class survey and see which is the most popular.

Lots of different sheep, but they are all sheep. Good one for comparisons with children. We are all different, but we are all the same.

Make lots of sheep using some of the ideas in the book. Also wool, material, printing, collage etc.

Put spelling words in the outline of a sheep. Or word of the day/week. Make a ‘sheep’ book.

Look at other Mem Fox books and do an author study!

Possum Magic (1983)
Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge (1984)
Zoo-Looking (1986)
Hattie and the Fox (1986)
Arabella, the Smallest Girl in the World (1986)
A Bedtime Story (1987)
Koala Lou (1988)
With Love, at Christmas (1988)
Night Noises (1989)
Feathers and Fools (1989)
Shoes from Grandpa (1989)
Sophie (1989)
Time for Bed (1993)
Tough Boris (1994)
Wombat Divine (1995)
Boo to a Goose (1996)
Whoever You Are (1997)
the Straight Line Wonder (1997)
Sleepy Bears (1999)
Harriet, You’ll Drive Me Wild! (2000)
Because of the Bloomers (2000)
The Magic Hat (2002)
A Particular Cow (2006)
Where the Giant Sleeps (2007)
Hunwick’s Egg (2005)
Ten Little Fingers & Ten Little Toes (t 2008)
Hello, Baby? ( 2009)

Go to this site and read about the book: http://www.memfox.net/green-sheep-secrets.html

“There are red sheep and blue sheep, wind sheep and wave sheep, scared sheep and brave sheep, but where is the green sheep?” Make up your own sheep and display them around your class. Great way to consolidate learning and skills.

There is even a show travelling around Australia on this book: