

Real Men Read Lesson Plan for:
Read to Your Bunny
By Rosemary Wells

➤ **About This Book**

This is a short poem that celebrates the value of reading with young children.

➤ **Before Reading**

Ask the students to:

1. sit “criss-cross”
2. hands in lap
3. eyes on the person speaking
4. raise hand to speak (explain that you won’t be able to call on everyone)

Keep in mind, kindergarten students have a very short attention span. It is best to keep a fast pace and give very clear directions. Use a big, strong voice. Try not to ask extra questions because students will get chatty and it will be hard to get back their attention.

Briefly introduce yourself:

- Your name & occupation
- Your favorite books when you were a child or that you read to your children
- You will be coming several times to share a story and give them each a book to keep
- Have students ask you questions about you (5 or so)

Call attention to the cover illustration. Tell students that the title of the book is Read to Your Bunny and the author (person who wrote the book) is Rosemary Wells. They may know her Max & Ruby books which are also a TV series.

Tell students that this is a poem and it has several rhyming words. Ask the students to listen for rhymes as you read. Read the story all the way through. You can read it 2 times if you wish.

➤ **Move and Think (optional)**

Students are going to listen for rhyming words, words that sound the same at the end like cat and hat. You are going to say two words. If they rhyme students will stand, if they don’t rhyme students will sit (or thumbs up/thumbs down). Remind students to stay in their space and not touch others. Do it with the students.

Example: cat /hat (stand) cat/fish (sit)

fun/sun fun/run fun/bunny
new/you new/book new/two

➤ **Wrap Up Question**

Have students think in their heads: What is your favorite book? Whisper your answer to your friend.

Repeat with: Where is your favorite place to read? Who are your favorite people to read with?

Encourage the children to read the book again at home. Tell them that there is a very important message in the back of the book for their parents. Show the page.