

Mrs. Taylor's Kindergarten Class
Mockingbird Elementary
Coppell, Texas
The Mitten by Jan Brett

Interactive Read Aloud:

When studying a unit on Winter, kindergarten students enjoy this Ukrainian Folktale adapted by Jan Brett. This is a story about Nicki who convinced his grandmother to knit him snow white mittens. After a mitten is lost in the snow, it becomes a haven for a variety of forest animals. Students enjoy hearing how each animal finds a place in the mitten and what causes the animals to be scattered in all directions. At the end of the story, Nicki finds the lost mitten and has an expression of bewilderment on his face when he notices it is much larger than its original size. Children enjoy retelling and acting out the story with a large white bed sheet as the mitten.

Technology Connection:

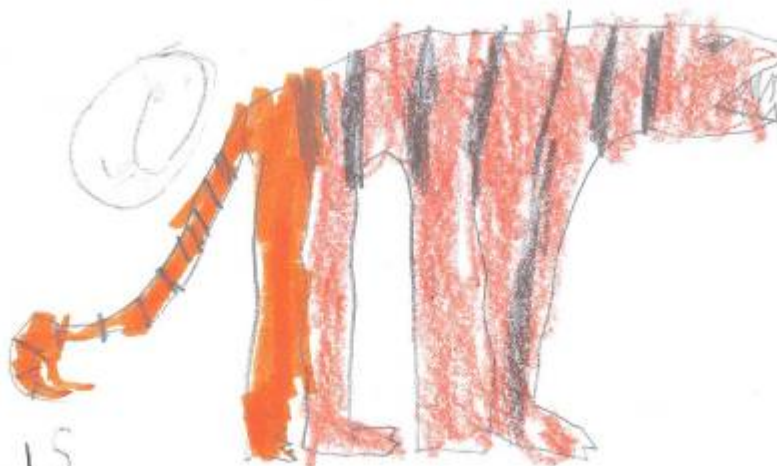
Jan Brett has a wonderful website (www.janbrett.com) with many interactive activities and video clips of drawing lessons and story read alouds by the author.

Language Connection:

This story easily lends itself to the discussion of opposites. Examples are: hot, cold; empty, full; big, small; old, young etc...

Student Writing Sample

My mitten is so big, a tiger
could fit inside.



Name LOUIS

Kidspiration Activity:

Where Is The Animal? Follow directions using position words to place animals in a scene from the story, The Mitten.

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1 bear	2 owl	3 rabbit	4 mole	5 badger	6 mouse	7 fox	8 hedgehog
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This game is called Where Is The Animal? You will drag and drop each animal from The Mitten to its own special place. To begin the game, click on the speaker by the number 1.