

Read Aloud

Title: *The Napping House*

Author: Audrey Wood

Introduction:

- Introduce the title, author and illustrator.
- What do you think the story will be about? What do you think will happen to the characters (grandma, boy, dog)?
- What do you think the boy is dreaming about?

While you read...

- (2) Why do you think everyone is sleeping? Who do you see? Discuss the characters: grandma, boy, dog, cat, mouse on top of mirror, and flea on top of boy's chair. Call children's attention to the characters' movements.
- (7) Do you think somebody will lay on top of the boy? Who? Why do you think that? (notice dog stretching) Let's all stretch like the dog. Stretch. Yawn. Stretch.
- (15) Let's all pretend like we are sleeping, too. Snore like grandma. Breathe deeply like the boy. ZZZzzzz.
- (20-21) Let's pretend we are the cat. Curl your fingers like a cat's claws. Show me your claws. Let's claw the dog.
- (last pg) What is different about the house on this page from when we first saw the house? (show pg. 1)

After the Story:

- Where do you like to nap? Do you nap alone or with others like the boy in the book?
- Why do you think the bed broke? How would you feel if your bed broke? What would you do?

Vocabulary:

- fence
- mirror
- pitcher
- stretch
- snore
- flea
- claw

Props:

Choose 1 or 2:

- pitcher/jug
- slippers
- mirror
- night cap
- blanket
- basket
- toy/stuffed animals (e.g., cat, dog, mouse)