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Sammy has trouble controlling his enthusiasm on his first day of school.

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Pat says

Very cute read aloud, perfect for kindergarten. When Sammy the shark goes to school, he is very enthusiastic and doesn't mean to bite things. When he eats the storybook or the painting, school goes on as usual. But when he eats the teacher, well then the school day is over. Large text and funny illustrations make this a fun back-to-school book.

Rachael Kaplan says

This is a great book to show how the student was so excited to be at school, and couldn't control his emotions.

Laura Carter says

Brief Plot Summary:

Sammy the Shark is about to start school. He is a lively little shark, and tends to bite things when he gets overexcited. Whilst eating his breakfast, he takes a bite out of the table because he is so eager to get to school, he nearly eats one of his school friends when he arrives, crunches on the class story and nibbles on the paintbrushes in art. Every time this happens, Sammy gets embarrassed and blushes at his inability to control his actions. However, he proceeds to carry on with his day, not letting his tendency to bite things get in his way. During music and dance, Sammy starts to feel more calm and at one with himself. However, he starts to get overexcited again and begins to destroy things unconsciously in the classroom. He eats the chairs, the radiator, the blackboard and then goes to eat the teacher. Just before he is about to do this, the children yell:

““Stop!... Don't eat the ...!””

Sammy comes to a standstill and realises what he was about to do. He quickly swims away from the teacher's desk and waits for the bell to ring, which means home time. When it goes, Sammy rapidly exits to meet his Mum outside. When she asks him how his day went and what he learnt, Sammy replies by saying that it was 'brilliant' and that he learnt:

““Lots... Don't eat the stories,
Don't eat the paintings,
Don't eat the classroom and...
Don't eat the teacher!””

Why I like this book:

I took great pleasure in reading this book because of its simple structure and comicality. It is a story that children can relate to and will find funny because it is to do with school and not eating the teacher.

Outline appropriate age range:

This book is suitable for children aged between 4-7 years.

How it can be used in the classroom:

This book can be used in literacy, PE and PSHCE lessons:

-To teach children about differences and how we all get nervous about participating in new things. It can also

be used to discuss the classroom environment and how we must all help and support each other in school, which includes looking after the classroom as well.

-To encourage and motivate children to express themselves through music and dance in their PE lessons. Some pupils may feel nervous about participating in dance especially in front of others. This book can be used at the beginning of the lesson to draw attention to how everybody feels nervous about expressing themselves, however no one is being judged etc. This book can also be used to teach children about the importance of "control" in dance. In the book, Sammy gets overexcited and ends up destroying the classroom because he loses control of his body in the music and dance lesson.

-To teach children about speech and the impact it has on readers. It could also be used in lessons where children are:

- to write a story from the character's perspective- children could rewrite the story from Sammy's mother's perspective, or the teacher's perspective about how they feel about nearly being eaten
 - to adapt a known story
 - to make a prediction about what is to happen next in the story: they can then story board this
 - Discuss the effect of punctuation
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Ashley Couey says

Funny book, kids will love it! This book even made me laugh. Children will think this is funny. Children who love sharks will be all over this book.

Darin Johnston says

Sammy is an overly excited shark on his first day of school. He's got a tendency to eat things, such as artwork, stories, the kitchen table, and we think, his teacher! Bright, highly entertaining, something younger students would certainly remain interested in. A pairing with a non-fiction about sharks would be helpful!

Personally, I gave it three stars for two reasons. One, the character never once got "in trouble" for his bad behavior. Maybe I need to lighten up, but at least have his parents upset when he bites their table! Two, it is implied that he eats the teacher. I'm not sure of the appropriateness of that behavior either.

Lee Ann says

I enjoyed the way this cover was created, with the bite mark in the top corner. It was a great way to break the fourth wall, so to speak. 3/5 stars overall. Good for getting the audience to participate, each time Sammy "CHOMPS" on something new.

Sam says

Read this book for the first time during my SBT2 placement and really enjoyed it. It made myself and the children laugh out loud.

It is Sammy Shark's first day at school and he is very excited and when excited he bites...school friends,artwork,even his new teacher, accidently of course. The accompanying illustrations capture each saga wonderfully. The use of sea creatures was inspired,and certainly captured the class' imagination. I liked the use of the word CRUNCH to guide you towards the next mishap,and easy for the class to follow.

Aaliyah B says

Don't Eat The Teacher was written by Nick Ward. This book seems good for children from the ages of 4 through 8 years of age. It's about a little boy shark who sometimes bites things when he gets too excited. He just can't control himself. In this particular case, he is about to attend his first day of school, and has to remember not to bite things when he gets excited there. I will say that the illustrations are creative and adorable because all of the students and even the teacher are fish. Also, the fish are acting as humans. It would definitely be something that kids would probably enjoy reading. I rated it a 3 star rating out of 5 because the end of the story just drops off, sort of like a cliff hanger. That's the only thing I would like to change about the book, maybe show that the little shark has shown improvement. If I was working with children, I would use it for children who may have trouble with certain impulses. That's why I would have liked the author to show the shark's improvement so that young readers who may be struggling with certain things can see that it can get better. Other than that, it's a pretty good book. Date Reviewed April 14, 2018.

Joey Zadina says

Don't Eat the Teacher is a good picture book that follows a shark who is beginning school for the first time. Throughout the book, he gets too excited many times during his first day and each time he gets too excited he opens his mouth and eats whatever is in front of him. There are many ways that this book by Nick Ward could be used in a kindergarten classroom. First of all, it is easy to see how this book could be used to show young children that even when they get very excited about things, it is important for them to keep themselves under control so that they do not ruin things for everyone. Although kindergarteners hopefully will not be eating things when they get excited, it is easy to explain to them that they might have other things that they do when excited that could cause damage to the things around them. Another practical use would be to study different kinds of fish with them. With fish such as shrimp, cod, and haddock being mentioned in the book; there are sure to be types of fish that the students have never heard of. Although this book is told through the viewpoint of a shark, it is easy to see that the children will be able to relate to him seeing as how he is going into his first day of school, just like many of them might be.

Ella says

Book about the first day of school following a shark who gets very excited and ends up eating things. Repetitive which helps the book to flow well and nice illustrations.

Brittany Gaskins says

This shark Sammy is having a hard time controlling his excitement on the first day of school.

I thought this was a funny story that made the kids laugh and think about these nonfiction characters being in the setting of a classroom.

I would have students write a letter to Sammy discussing what makes them excited about school and also give reasons to control our excitement to help our learning. We all love to be excited, but it is important to decide what is appropriate and his eating habits when excited may not be good for the learning environment.

Morgan Randall says

I found this book to be very cute. I enjoyed the first day of school excitement that Sammy expressed. I feel that this book can help children to understand that even though there is so much excitement for the first day of school, students need to make sure to stay calm or else....they might eat their teacher!

Katherine Austin says

1) Book summary, in your own words (3 pts)

-Sammy the shark is very excited about his first day of school. However, Sammy unfortunately has the habit of biting things when he gets too excited. Sammy bites a lot of things, including his friend but he spits the friend back out before digesting him. His lobster teacher on the other hand, is not as lucky and ends up being eaten by Sammy. Sammy seems to fit in well with the school. While it may sound violent, the book is more fun and innocent than it seems.

2) Grade level, interest level, lexile (1 pt)

-Kindergarten

3) Appropriate classroom use (subject area) (1 pt)

-This book may be a good first day read to Kindergartners.

4) Individual students who might benefit from reading (1 pt)

-Students who have first day of school jitters.

5) Small group use (literaturecircles) (1 pt)

-At the time this book would be read, most Kindergartners would not be able to read on their own, but students could get in groups to discuss thoughts on the book.

6) Whole class use (read aloud) (1 pt)

-Carpet reading

7) Related books in genre/subject or content area (1 pt)

-First Day jitters

8) Multimedia connections (audio book, movie) available (1 pt)

-None available

Sharon Green says

grades K-1

early

read aloud

animal fiction

education/first day of school

onomatopoeia/personification

humorous/sammy the shark goes to school. sammy takes language literally and eats everything

Jennifer says

My 4 year old who is not a HUGE fan of going to preschool laughed out loud while we read this. Its about Sammy the shark's first day of school and how he learns the rules he must follow. An enjoyable book for young children and in no way did we find any of it scary (in case you were worried based on the title)
