

Amazing Mouse Teacher Letter



Welcome to the interactive world of Amazing Mouse and his fun, new book *Better than Cheese!!* This book and activities will provide you with a wonderful opportunity to build social skills in your classroom. Amazing Mouse teaches children about being kind and you will have the opportunity to expand on that skill and recognize your students for modeling kind behavior.

Repetitive reading will help your students become involved in the story, increase their interest and attention spans. You may start by looking at the pictures together; asking the students to predict what they think might be happening in the story, using picture clues and introducing new vocabulary. After several times through the book start reading the words, discuss what is the same or different than you predicted. Point out the rhyming words and have the students repeat them. Expand on the rhymes if your students are able. Next, you can use props and have the students act out the story, either as you read or allowing them to recall and share the parts they remember. (Additional questions and conversation ideas are included in the back of the book)

When they are exposed to the story in so many different ways, the students will find the social skills become meaningful and will be better able to use and incorporate them into their everyday lives. As a teacher you are also able to reward them when you see this happening in the classroom with the Amazing Mouse “Paws for a High Five” Card. When you notice a student demonstrating a specific skill, you can call attention to it and give them a certificate to take home and share with their families.

Amazing Mouse and his adventures can also provide a topic for classroom discussion, small-group project, journal writing or creative writing. A home extension project would be to have the student take Amazing Mouse home and write or draw pictures of positive or kind things the student and their family did while they were taking care of him. They can then share with the class as a group speaking opportunity or simply get a reward sticker for having done the assignment.

Enjoy finding ways to make Amazing Mouse part of your classroom and helping your students learn about important social skills through reading, writing, acting, noticing, discussing and modeling kindness.

Additional teacher support materials are available at www.amazingmousebooks.com