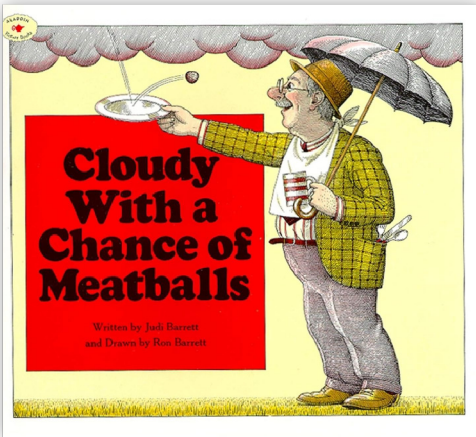




Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs

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Themes: Adapting to change; Community and Cooperation; Facing what you cannot control; Imagination and Storytelling

Book Brief: In the town of Chewandswallow, the weather comes as food three times a day, until the meals grow so large and dangerous that the townspeople must abandon their home. The story is framed as a grandfather's tall-tale bedtime story.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- This is a tall tale, a story full of wild events that could never happen.
- The whole story is Grandpa's bedtime tale. Point this out before you begin reading.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What meal would you want to eat? Why?
- How did the town's mood change after the weather got more dangerous?
- Why do you think the people made bread rafts to escape? What happened after?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Do you think this was a true story or something Grandpa made up? Why?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Draw your own food weather forecast. Have your child pick a food and show it falling over your town.

Let them explore more by Judi Barrett:

- Pickles To Pittsburgh: The Sequel To Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs (1997).