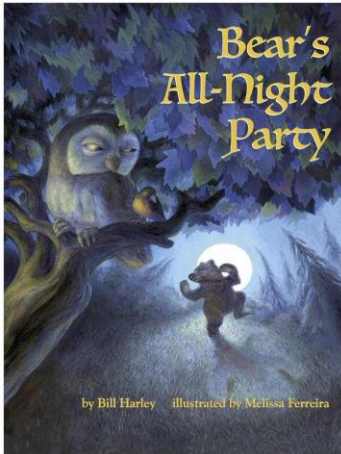


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Bear's All-Night Party

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Themes: Hope, Friendship, Perseverance, Celebration

Book Brief: Bear has a big idea: an all-night party under the full moon! His friends aren't so sure, but Bear believes something exciting could happen. Will anyone join him, or will Bear be celebrating all by himself?

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Look at the cover together. Ask, "What do you notice about Bear and his friends? What do you think might happen at an all-night party?"
- Ask, "Have you ever been excited about an idea when someone else wasn't so sure about it?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why are Bear's friends unsure about his party?
- What does Bear do to get ready?
- Why does Bear keep saying, "You never know what might happen"?
- What happens that changes the other animals' minds?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "How did Bear's friends feel about the party at first? How did their feelings change? What do you think Bear meant when he said, 'You never know what might happen'?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Plan your own pretend all-night party together. Talk about where you would have it, who you would invite, and what you would do.
- Think about a time when something unexpected turned out to be fun or exciting. Talk about what happened and how your feelings changed.
- Look for rhyming words together. Choose a word from the story, such as night or bear, and see how many rhyming words you can think of.