

Careers and Jobs: Preschool-2nd Grade

A RIF Guide for Educators

Themes: Careers, Jobs, Community Helpers

Book Brief: This guide is designed for use with books about careers and jobs at the Preschool to 2nd Grade reading level. Adapt the questions and activities in this guide to the book you are reading.

Content Connections: ELA, Social Studies

Time To Read!

Before we read, let's look at...

The Cover: What is the title of this book? Who is the author? Who is the illustrator? What is happening in the cover illustration? Based on the cover, what careers and jobs will you learn about in this book?

Prior Knowledge: What types of professionals do students interact with regularly? (teacher, doctors, etc.) What are some careers and jobs their parents do?

Vocabulary: Identify 3-5 words that are likely to be new to your students and introduce them before you read this book with your class.

Purpose for Reading: It's important to be able to identify the main topic of a book. As we read, think about what jobs or careers are the main topic of this book.

While We Read

Monitoring Comprehension

- What are some tasks people with this job perform?
- How do people with this job help their communities?
- Name some things you learned about this job from the words in this book. Name some things you learned from the illustrations.
- Would you like to have this job? Why or why not? Give reasons from the book to support your answer.

Let's Think About

Our Purpose: What jobs or careers are the main topic of this book?

Extending Our Thinking: Make a list of jobs people do in your school building. Think beyond just teachers to include maintenance workers, bus drivers, secretaries, librarians, cafeteria workers, counselors, nurses, resource officers, and other professionals. Write each position on a separate piece of paper and have students choose one of these jobs they would most like to do and write or dictate their names beside it.