



Literacy Activity

Taking it Literally

Read the book Amelia Bedelia For Mayor or talk about the performance. Discuss Amelia Bedelia's way of taking directions. For instance, what happened when Amelia was told to "throw her hat in the ring"? When Mr. Rogers wanted a "spot" of tea, what did Amelia do?

Read some other books in the Amelia Bedelia series to find other examples of the "literal" way she interprets things.

Activity Ideas

- Brainstorm other figures of speech that could be taken the wrong way by Amelia Bedelia. Some examples might be: fix your hair, take your vitamins or steal a base. Draw a picture showing the literal interpretation.
- Create your own figures of speech that have both a literal meaning and one that is figurative. Write your new language down and share it with the class.



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The Cliffhanger

- Read a part of a book or story to a group of students, but make sure you don't read the end.
- Ask the students to write a paragraph explaining how they think the story will end.
- If you have older students you could even have them practice writing in the style of the story.



Science Activity

The Life Cycle of a Bean

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Create your own bean project just like Jackie did in Jack and the Bean Sprout. Below is a quick and easy way to start a bean project.

Supplies Needed

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| Lima beans | Water |
| Plastic cups | Soil |

The Experiment

- Have students fill their plastic cup halfway with soil.
- Place 2 lima beans in and fill the cup with more soil.
- Add some water to aid in photosynthesis.
- Label each plant.

You may want create a chart to document the seeds' progress.



Music Activity

Create a Song

Have your students write their own song, just like the song in My Dog And Me.

- As a class choose a nursery rhyme, like Jack and Jill and create new words.
- Split your class into groups and have each group come up new words for a line of the nursery rhyme.
- Put all the lines together and have your own sing-along.

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