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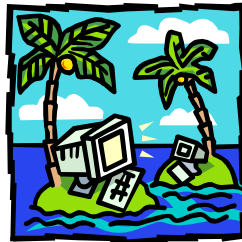
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Just Another Ordinary Day

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- Introduce the title of the book, Just Another Ordinary Day, but do not show the book to the students.
- Tell the students that they are going to create the illustrations for this particular book.
- Using the abbreviated text from the story (see attached) give each student a portion of the text and have them illustrate what they think the illustration should look like. Give students plenty of time to draw and add color to their illustrations.
- Compile the pages and make a class book.
- Have students share their work and discuss.
- Share the author's illustrations with the students and discuss the similarities and differences.

This is a great activity to stimulate creativity and engage the students

It was the beginning of just another day. Amanda awoke to the sound of her alarm, which rang at 6:30 A.M. every school day.

It took Amanda a long time to get dressed because she had so many buckles and buttons.

Amanda packed her book bag full before flying down the stairs for breakfast.

Amanda wasn't very hungry. She only ate one boiled egg and two pieces of toast.

Every morning she rode to school with Mrs. Ellsworth. Mrs. Ellsworth was the oldest person on the block and drove the oldest car in the world and they were always late.

Amanda hated being late for school. The principal always got upset about having to open the school gate.

Amanda loved science with Mr. Wilson. He spent the whole morning doing science experiments.

At lunchtime Amanda remembered she hadn't packed her lunch. Thank goodness she had just enough money to buy lunch in the cafeteria.

After lunch Amanda talked to Sally, the new girl. Sally told her stories about her old school that was far away.

That afternoon Amanda's class went to the school library. Mrs. Billings read stories about pirates from her huge collection of pirate books.

At the end of the day, Amanda's mom picked her up in their off-road vehicle for the ride home.

When they finally got home, Amanda and her mom took a shower to wash off the dust.

Amanda's dad decided to make curry for dinner. It was just a little too hot.

After dinner, Amanda and her cat Fluffy curled up with a book in front of the fire.

It was the end of the day, just like any other ordinary day.

Amanda's dad gently picked her up and carried her upstairs to bed.

DON'T BUMP THE GLUMP

(Sentence Strips)

1. I think I've killed a Dickeree. I did it by mistake. I thought she was a ball, so I bounced her off the wall; I had no idea at all that she might break!
2. The Zrbangdraldnk has just arrived and it's up to me to announce him... Uh...how do I pronounce him...?
3. See the Gletcher in his cage, his claws are sharp, his teeth are double. Thank heaven he's locked up safe inside, or we'd all be in terrible trouble!
4. There is a terrible twenty-foot Feezus. Shhh... I don't think he sees us.
5. The Slithergadee has crawled out of the sea. He may catch all the others, but he won't catch me. No, you won't catch me, old Slithergadee.
6. This the tail of the Man-Eating Fullit. Let's not pull it!
7. Something's been eating my mustache again -- I think it's the Skittering Skeep again -- It's gotten to me in my sleep again.
8. See the Twenty-Eight-Ton Gheli. He'd love for you to scratch his belly.
9. This is Arnold, a Long-Necked Preposterous, looking around for a female long-necked Preposterous. But there aren't any.
10. Have you seen anything of the Galloping Griss? Purple-eyed and dripping fat? If he went that way, I'll go this. If he went this way, I'll go that!
11. I see you there, old Bald-Top Droan hiding in that ice-cream cone. I'll get awful, awful sick if I give your head a lick.
12. O pity the poor, poor Zippity, for he can eat nothing but Greli - A plant that grows only in New Caledoni, while the Zippity live in New Dehli.
13. The sleepy-Eyed Skurk, he's a nice old thing. He'll let you sit inside his mouth. If you knock on his chin, he'll let you in. But I rather doubt He'll let you out.

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