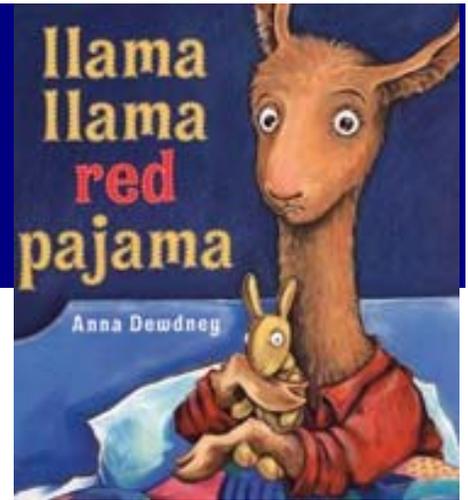


Pre-K Essential Literature

Llama Llama Red Pajama

by Anna Dewdney



- Play rhyming Simon. Teacher will call out two words, if the words rhyme students take a step forward, if they don't students stand still.
- As you read the story have the students touch their head if they hear a rhyming word
- Come up with gestures for "fret", "shout," "snuggle",
- Compare human babies and llama babies in how they get mama's attention
- On the cover, llama llama's eyes are big and wide. Why is that?
- Play rhyming bingo with llama, mama drama and other words from the story that rhyme.
- Discuss a time you wanted your mama to come. Draw a picture to show how you felt.
- Have 2 students pretend they are the mama and the llama. Make up a new ending.
- Make llama puppets to act out the story.

Llama patterns– Math

- Patterns help children see the order of things and how things follow one after the other.
- In the story, Llama Llama has a beautiful patchwork quilt. Look at the quilt and discuss the patterns that follow and how they come one after the other.
- Next have the children make their own pattern quilt by using different color squares. Cut squares out of cardstock, magazines, construction paper or recycle paper, give each child a set, allow them to glue the squares together to make a quilt. Display finished project as a class quilt.

Llama Sorting– Math Center

- Take pictures of animals from magazines and sort the animals with fur and those without. Next sort pictures of llamas and camels
- Sort animals by size and category. Have pictures of llamas, donkeys, cows, goats, camels, and horses of various sizes.

Llama Llama Feelorama (SEL)

- We have different feelings when we are in a new place. Llama Llama has a lot of feelings in the story when it comes to something new. A lot of his feelings are loneliness, anger, sadness, and worry. Discuss with the children times when you had these feelings and when.
- Llama Llama sings to himself in order to feel better when he is lonely. Being able to sooth yourself is a big step in learning to be independent and relate better to feelings. Discuss with students ways they can sooth themselves in the classroom or at home.

Llamas vs. Horses (Science)

Llamas and horses sometimes get confused on for the other. Compare llamas and horses ; what makes them similar and what makes them different. Discuss other animals that may live on a farm as well.

Looking beyond the cover: *Llama Llama Red Pajama*

About the Author

Dewdney began her career illustrating a variety of books for both children and adults. She gained critical acclaim in 2005 for *Llama Llama Red Pajama*, the first book she both wrote and illustrated. Her work is known for its emotive content,^[4] signature characters, family relationships, and how it addresses the everyday issues of young children. The text of her work is often written in verse; because of this use of rhyming language, and because of Dewdney's reading-advocacy work, her books are often used to promote reading and literacy.^{[5][6]} The Llama Llama series is highly popular among parents, teachers, and booksellers; in 2011, a Miami, Florida bookseller actually got the Llama Llama character tattooed on her arm for a bookstore event.^[7] Dewdney's books have been translated into over eight languages: Chinese, Hebrew, Korean, Indonesian, Vietnamese, Polish, Spanish, and Russian. Partial proceeds from some of her works go toward environmental awareness and conservation efforts, most notably pangolin conservation in south-east Asia.^{[8][9]} As of 2013, she has written over fourteen children's books.



More Interactive Read Alouds

Interactive read alouds are amazing for emerging, reluctant and non-readers. The music, call and response, repetition, simplicity and other techniques empower children to read these books even before they can really read. They are outstanding for story time.

For close reading, ask children to describe what happens to finally put Llama Llama to sleep? What would you need to fall asleep? How would you feel if your mama wasn't close by?

Here's a list of some of our favorite interactive read alouds:

Jump, Frog, Jump! By Robert Kalan

Yo! Yes? By Chris Raschka

Down by the Cool of the Pool by Tony Mitton

Go Away Big Green Monster by Ed Emberley

Press Here by Herve Tullet

Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock by Eric Kimmell

Check it out!

Like *Llama Llama*, here are some other books by author Anna Dewdney.

Llama Llama and the bully goat

Llama Llama time to share

Llama mad at mama

Llama Llama misses mama

Llama Llama home with mama



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