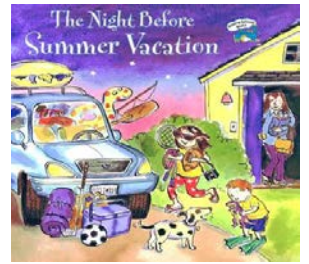




The Night Before Summer Vacation

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In this funny, rhyming story, a young girl tells us how her family prepares to go on summer vacation and almost forgets the family pet!

Before:

Introduce the book by telling the children a little bit about it. Use the cover to help get the children's attention. A question like, "I wonder where they are going on their summer vacation?" will help gain their interest. Start a discussion by commenting on how many things are in the car; ask "who do you think helped pack the car?"

During:

The illustrations are very detailed in this story, take time to look at them and ask questions. Spend time talking about how each family member helped get ready for summer vacation. Point out rhyming words and "rare words" in the story and help the children understand the new words.

Rare Words in *The Night Before Summer Vacation*

Anticipation: being excited for something

Oars: pole with a flat blade used to steer or row in water

Swell: to become larger or rounder in size

Clatter: a continuous rattling sound of hard objects falling down

Rhyming Words in *The Night Before Summer Vacation*

Vacation & Anticipation

Toaster & Coaster

Last & Past

Bike & Trike

After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- Where have you gone on summer vacation?
- What activities do you like to do on vacation?
- What do you pack when you go to the beach?
- What kind of snacks do you bring camping?

If you could go anywhere on vacation, where would it be?



WHY?

Let's Talk About *The Night Before Summer Vacation*

In this story, the little girl talks about her family preparing to go on summer vacation. Her mom packed the food, including the things needed to make s'mores, while dad made sure to bring the bug spray, backpacks, umbrella and tent. When your family goes on vacation what is your special job?

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How to Make S'mores Indoors

Ingredients

- 32 miniature graham crackers or 8 regular size graham crackers, broken in 1/2
- 2 [milk chocolate](#) bars, the kind that can be broken into squares
- 8 marshmallows

Directions

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.

Lay 1/2 of the graham crackers on a [cookie](#) sheet. Top with chocolate pieces to cover. Use kitchen scissors to snip the marshmallows in 1/2 horizontally if using miniature crackers and place 1/2 a marshmallow on top of each [graham cracker](#). If using regular size crackers use a whole [marshmallow](#).

Bake until the marshmallows are puffed and golden brown, about 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from the oven and top with the remaining graham crackers, pressing down slightly to make a sandwich. Serve immediately, while still warm.



Sing Along

Oh We're Goin' On A Vacation

Sung to: She'll Be Coming Around The Mountain

Oh we're goin' on a vacation on the plane (zoom zoom)
Oh we're goin' on a vacation on the plane (zoom zoom)
Oh we're goin' on a vacation
Oh we're goin' on a vacation
Oh we're goin' on a vacation on the plane (zoom zoom)

Oh we're goin' on a vacation in our car (honk honk)
Oh we're goin' on a vacation in our car (honk honk)
Oh we're goin' on a vacation
Oh we're goin' on a vacation
Oh we're goin' on a vacation in our car (honk honk)

Include other modes of transportation such as a boat or a train

What's inside the Kit ?



- Camping Poem
- Camping Picture to Word Match (x3)
- Camping Number Clip Cards
- Camping Letter Clip Cards (x2)
- Camping 'Things You Eat and Don't Eat' Picture Sort
- Camping Food Picture Sort
- Camping Picture Match Chart
- BBQ Number Puzzle

