

10-MINUTES TO BEDTIME by Peggy Rathmann

Objective

The students will be able to create their own story about the hamsters from the *10-Minutes to Bedtime* book.

Materials Needed

- *10-Minutes to Bedtime* by Peggy Rathmann
- Cut out hamsters from number worksheets
- Pencils, crayons, markers, scissors, glue sticks
- Drawing and construction paper

Directions

1. Read the story *10-Minutes to Bedtime*.
2. Discuss the story and pictures with the children:
 - What are some of the things the hamsters are doing in the story?
 - What are some of the vehicles the hamsters are traveling in?
3. Give the students the opportunity to make up their own story using the cut out hamsters from the numbers worksheets and the art supplies. Brainstorming ideas:
 - What would you do if the hamsters came to your house?
 - What adventure would you like to take the hamsters on (zoo, beach, park)?
 - How would you travel?
 - Would you like to have a hamster birthday party?
4. If you have a different small animal in your classroom, other than a hamster, ask the students to name some ways that your pet is different than a hamster or similar to a hamster. (Gerbils have a long tail. Guinea Pigs have long fur and are larger.)







