

Writing Trait: Ideas

Learning Intention: generating ideas about the importance of school

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Before Reading

Invite students to carefully examine the front and back cover images. Share the title of this book and ask for predictions.

Who might the children be?

Where might they be going?

Why might they be on a boat?

Predict what this book might be about.

During Reading

While reading this book to children, pause to offer time to carefully examine the details within the illustrations. Discuss what's happening and how it is similar or different from where we live.

After Reading

Explain that many children in the world desperately want to be able to go to school. Is it easy for them? What did we learn in this book that described how it was sometimes hard to get to school?

These children must really appreciate school. I wonder what they like most about school that makes them willing to travel long distances and in difficult conditions?

If you weren't in school, what would you miss most? Brainstorm or co-create some ideas that explain what you like most about school.

Gather pages together to create a class book. During the school year, this book will be read over and over again which will reinforce positive aspects of school and what would be missed if students were not at school.

The Way to School



Rosemary McCarney with Plan International

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Print colour copies of this page so that each student has one, colour stamp. This stamp can be placed on their written response page. Gather pages together to make a class book. It will be read over and over again by your students reinforcing the reasons why school is important and what each person would miss if they weren't there!