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A delightful book to read out loud with children who are just learning their ABCs.

It's sleepy time in Alphabet Town. But the twenty-six *little* letters of the alphabet all have something they need--or want--to do before BIG-letter moms and dads tuck them in. Not since the classic *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* has there been such an appealing way to teach the youngest child the ABCs while providing a one-minute goodnight story. Of course, Melissa Sweet's animated watercolor, pencil, and collage illustrations may beg for a little more time to match up all the toys with the right letters, and Judy Sierra's rollicking rhymed story will want to be heard again and again. Okay, so maybe it's a three-minute story!

The Sleepy Little Alphabet: A Bedtime Story from Alphabet Town Details

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From Reader Review The Sleepy Little Alphabet: A Bedtime Story from Alphabet Town for online ebook

Agilar Janeet says

The sleepy Little Alphabet: A Bedtime Story from Alphabet Town. Sierra, Judy. Illus. Melissa Sweet. New York: Knopf, 2009. The age range is 2-5 years old and genre is alphabet picture book. The purpose of the book is to recognize the alphabet letters on a bedtime theme for young children. The Book's story is about sleepyparty in Alphabet Town. The capitals letters who represent the parents are helping their children that are the lower letters to get ready for bed. The images of the book are creative and colorful. However, they might be distracting or not clear for young children who are just learning to identify the letters. The book mixes in the same page more than one letter and sometimes the capital with the lower case are not together. This might also confuse little children, therefore I would suggest it be better for a first or second grade student rather than younger. Some of the words used for each letter are easy for example "a is wide awake," "j jump on the bed." On the other hand, there are others a little more challenging as "x expect a great big hug" that does not follow the same pattern. Overall, the book is a good resource to read for children of first or second grade before bedtime but not to teach or recognize the alphabet letters.

Carol Dysard says

1. Awards: None
 2. Grade level(s): Pre-K – 1st
 3. Original summary: Alphabet Town is a bustling urban area where lowercase letters begin to wind down their day and settle down for bedtime. The little letters have unique personalities and their pre-bedtime attitudes comprise of: excitement, mischievousness, crankiness and complacency. As the book draws to an end, all the letters are fast asleep.
 4. Original review: This cute little board book presents upper and lowercase letters in a role that children are sure to comprehend and empathize with. The illustrations are detailed and childlike but offer soft color schemes that create a calming atmosphere. This book is sure to become a bedtime and circle time favorite.
 5. In-class uses:
 - Letter identification and differentiation with upper and lowercase letters
 - Phoneme awareness can be emphasized by identifying the sound that each letter makes
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Fatima Siddiqi says

The Sleepy Little Alphabet by Judy Sierra is absolutely phenomenal. From the moment I realized the premise of the story, I was drawn in. I LOVE the fact that the uppercase version of the letters are the 'Mommies and Daddies' while the lowercase version of the letters are the baby letters. The playful rhyme scheme of the story was engaging and kept me turning the page constantly. The illustrations were gorgeous and truly made the letters come to life and have a personality. I thoroughly enjoyed this story and would highly recommend this. This story would be great for any child who is learning their letters in Pre-K and KG. They can associate certain letters with what they do in the story and learn to pair the upper and lowercase together.

Krista Lockwood says

Awards- none

Grade Level- Pre-K to first

This book is full of letters that have to go to bed. The book goes through the entire alphabet showing the Moms and Dads (capital letters) getting their children(the lower case letters) to bed. The entire book shows how the alphabet gets ready for bed. Each letter is doing something different or silly.

The Sleepy Little Alphabet is a great bedtime story. This book could also be read in the classroom to get children familiar with the alphabet. The illustrations in this book are so well done. The letters look so adorable getting ready for bed. This book is very enjoyable to read and is a book I would like to have in my future classroom.

In the classroom this book can be used to teach children about getting ready for bed. This would work in a preschool. They could share what they do when they get ready for bed. Another classroom activity to go with this book is to play a matching game with capital and lower case letters. The students would have to find the letters that are the same. A third activity would be to use play doh and the children can make letters with the play doh. It is very hands on and they can use their imagination.

Anastasia Pavlides says

1. There are no awards receive for this book.
 2. PreK-Kindergarten
 3. This book is a bed time story for kids who are learning the alphabet. This book features the lowercase letters of the alphabet.
 4. I like this book as it uses every letter of the alphabet in a fun sentence for kids to enjoy.
 5. I would use this in my classroom when teaching letter recognition and learning the alphabet.
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Diana Pettis says

Loved this book. Great read aloud for toddlers and preschoolers.

Helen Zhang says

Grade Levels = Pre-K

Summary:

It's time for bed but the letters are still wide awake. Each letter is doing everything but sleeping. B still needs a bath and K won't go to sleep without a kiss. Eventually all the letters go to bed.

Review:

Great story for children to follow and recall later. The illustrations are colorful and playful along with the words for each letter. Children can see the letter and the corresponding word on the page and that will help them with fluency in the future when they start to gain new vocab.

Possible Lesson Plans:

Teachers can play a matching game with students where they put the words and the letter that corresponds with the word and have students try to identify them in the story. Students can even pick a letter and write down all the words they know that corresponds and draw images to match. These words can be put around the classroom as decorations. Teachers can also use this book to start teaching children how to spell their names if they haven't learned yet or at least their first initial of their first name.

Monica Loftus says

Creative way to teach kids their letters/alphabet

RH Walters says

So many little letters need to get to sleep! We liked seeing a bunch of zonked-out letters and how they're dealing with their tiredness, often with items that begin with the same letter as them. My favorite illustration is "Q" being quiet as a bunny drawing a "Q" in her notebook while curled on her quilt, followed closely by "T" tucking in her teddy bear near her tea pot while her parents are near an old-fashioned telephone, looking rather tired themselves. "U" hurling off her underwear is pretty good, too. Anyway! Of course the alphabet is sleepy -- look at all the work it does each day.

Angela says

Adorable! Loved that the kids are all lower case letters and the grown ups are upper case.

Luke says

At the time I read this, I wasn't too interested in the alphabet. I may be interested in it now though because I am beginning to recognize the alphabet.

Darlene Pasquale says

- 1) no awards
- 2) appropriate grade levels - Pre K - Kindergarten
- 3) Summary - This story explores words beginning with each letter of the alphabet. It also tells the story of

the “baby” letters not wanting to go to bed at bedtime. The perfect end of the night story to read to a child.

4) Review - I think that this story is a fun, relatable way for a child to explore the alphabet. Many children don't like bedtime, just like the character letters in the story. I also think it's a smart concept to look at capital letters as the parents, and lowercase letters as the children.

5) In class uses - A teacher can have children practice writing their letters by tracing them in a sand table, as an extension to reading this book. Teachers could also bring in blankets and pillows and have their students sit on them while reading the story. After, they could use them to make letters on the floor.

Mara Loventhal says

Title: The Sleepy Little Alphabet

Author: Judy Sierra

Illustrator : Melissa Sweet

Genre: Alphabet Book

Theme(s): Rhyming, Bedtime, Alphabet

Opening line/sentence: Its sleepy time in Alphabet Town. As moms and dads run round and round.

Brief Book Summary: This book is a great book for children who are learning the alphabet. Throughout the story each letter of the alphabet is getting ready for bed. At the end of the book all of the letters are in their beds.

Professional Recommendation/Review #1:

Kirkus (Kirkus Reviews, June 9, 2009)

Sierra's reliably commendable verse teams with quirky illustrations from Sweet to produce an alphabet-bedtime hybrid with plenty of appeal for families. Restless lower-case children resist bedtime in assorted realistic, predictable ways: “h tries standing on her head. / i and j jump on the bed.” The author knows her preschool audience and produces potty chairs and underwear for dependable giggles. The illustrator's blocky letters sport pop-eyes and toothy grins. She intersperses plenty of additional objects beginning with the letters featured on each pastel spread, providing parents and kids with opportunities to linger and learn. By letters v and w, the transition from pre-bedtime chaos to irrefutable tiredness is complete, and the final spread depicts a veritable dormitory of typographic drowsing. Capital! (Picture book. 2-6)

Professional Recommendation/Review #2:

Publishers Weekly (May 11th 2009)

Sierra and Sweet (Schoolyard Rhymes) collaborate on an alphabet rhyme about rambunctious lower-case letters who won't go to bed (“h tries standing on her head./ i and j jump on the bed”). Bookstore shelves may be crowded with abecedarian offerings, but the bounce of Sierra's meter, the time-for-bed theme and Sweet's offhand pencil and watercolor drawings make the story feel fresh. Throughout, Sierra inserts vocabulary items that incorporate the letters (“u takes off his underwear”) while Sweet provides the laughs (u's gleeful bucktoothed grin as he tosses a pair of outsize polka-dot bloomers in the air). The adults are pictured as capital letters, as they attempt to shepherd their children through their nightly routines. Sweet fills each room with alphabetically appropriate accessories: the X and Y family has a framed yo-yo championship award, while the Ts have a telephone, a tortoise and a tea set. Textiles, loose-leaf binder paper and newsprint are used judiciously for visual interest, while the letters' goggle eyes, toothy smiles and emotive expressions all spell F-U-N. Ages 2–6.

Response to Two Professional Reviews : Both of these reviews display a very positive representation of the book. They both mentioned that the book is a good story to read right before bed because it will allow children to transition into bed time while also having them learn about the alphabet. They both mention the humor aspect of the book which I found was very apparent throughout the story and the interesting and eye catching pictures.

Evaluation of Literary Elements: This story has a useful purpose to it for it allows young children to learn the alphabet in an entertaining way while also having children understand that they will be going to bed soon. By having the illustrations and story line of this book focus on the letters of the alphabet going to sleep, it will give the children a better idea on nighttime routines as well as learning letters! Children will enjoy watching each letter of the alphabet get ready for bed with the silly rhymes and pictures that are defiantly pleasing to the eye.

Consideration of Instructional Application (3-4 sentences in your own words):

Lindsey Rakich says

Awesome find! Such a fun read. This book is a great book for children who are learning the alphabet. Throughout the story each letter of the alphabet is getting ready for bed. At the end of the book all of the letters are in their beds ready to fall asleep. The illustrator's blocky letters sport pop-eyes and toothy grins. Once I realized the premise of the story, I was pulled in. I love that the uppercase version of the letters are the 'Mommys and Daddys' while the lowercase version of the letters are the baby letters. The playful rhyme scheme of the story was engaging and kept me turning the page and wanting to read more. The illustrations were awesome and truly made the letters come to life and have a personality. I enjoyed this story and would highly recommend this to all. This story would be great for any child who is learning their letters in Pre-K and Kindergarten. They can pair certain letters with what they do in the story and learn to pair the upper and lowercase together. This book has not received any awards.

Samantha N says

1.N/A

2.Pre Kindergarten- 1st

3. This delightful read-aloud book is a witty narrative that features the alphabet in a relatable bedtime-themed composition. Sweet's storyline features lowercase letters representing children playfully avoiding bedtime routines, while the uppercase letters symbolized as parents are trying to tuck their children into bed. This book is an excellent compilation of illustrations and creative rhythms that children can repeat as the teacher reads along. The expressive features of the lowercase letters will make this an amusing read during circle time as children are captivated by the colorful imagery.

4. This book will be a wonderful addition to an early head start classroom. Young children will enjoy this book as they begin to recognize letters in the alphabet. Teachers can sing the alphabet to introduce the book from beginning to end. This read-aloud book can be an exciting way to get children involved in the lesson as they discuss identifiable characteristics.

5.The Sleepy Little Alphabet Themed Lessons

(Preschool-Kindergarten)

Laundry Letter Matching Game: Children will practice hanging laundry on a clothesline matching lowercase and uppercase letters with clothespins. This activity can be done in small groups and will help with fine

motor skills and letter recognition.

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(Preschool- 1st grade)

Rainbow Letters: Writing a letter that a child is learning to recognize the teacher will write as large as possible on a piece of paper. Then will show them the correct way to write this letter and have them trace over it with a rainbow crayon 5 times
