

Knuffle Bunny

First Reading: Illustrations

During the First Reading, you will focus on the characters inserted into black and white photographs of Brooklyn. Talking about the setting (both when and where the story takes place). Discuss whether or not this story could happen if the setting wasn't a big city.

Since there isn't much text on the pages, it might be hard to maintain a single focus on the pictures. Do your best!

*When numbering the pages, the text begins on page 1.

*Remember in this reading you ask the questions as you are looking at the illustrations.

*Try to keep your storytime to 20 minutes. If you are not done with the reading pick it up again another night.

Title Page:

Meet the story's characters.

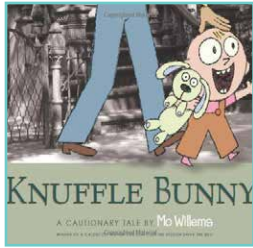
- What do you see in each picture?
- How is each picture different?

Pages 1 - 2:

- What do you think is happening?

Pages 3 - 6:

- What season of the year might it be? Discuss the evidence in the photographs to support your ideas.
- On page 6, the sign on the building says: LAUNDROMAT. What might a laundromat be?



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Pages 7 - 10:

- What is happening in the laundromat?
- Focus on the faces of the characters. What are the moods of the characters? Are they both enjoying their time in the laundromat?

Pages 11 - 12:

- How does the child seem to be feeling in each picture? What might cause her feelings to change?

Pages 13 - 16:

- Look at the words in the bubbles. Discuss that they are not real words. What could the child be trying to say?
- **Share that words written in large and bold type are said louder.** A smaller font is said quietly.
- Look at the ! and the ?. Talk about the meaning of these punctuation marks. Practice saying the child's words.

Pages 17 - 20:

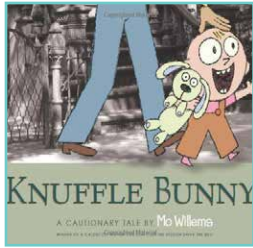
- What's happening? Where do you think they are going?
- How is the dad's expression changing? How is the child feeling?
- Have you ever been this upset? Discuss.

Pages 21 - 22:

- Look at the characters' faces. How is each character feeling? What is causing their feelings?

Pages 23 - 26:

- Where are they going? Why are they running?



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Pages 27 - 28:

- What is happening?
- What might the dad be saying to the child?
- Where would **you** look for Knuffle Bunny?

Page 29 - 30:

- Where was Knuffle Bunny?
- Look at the child and the words the child says. Do you recognize the words?
- Can you say the words like the child is saying them?

Page 31:

- How does the story end?

Next time we will read the story. Are there any questions that you hope the text will answer?