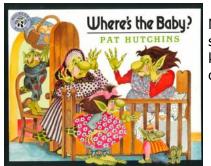
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Mischief! Mayhem!

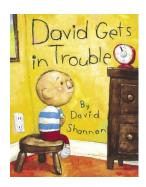
Ready for some mischief, mayhem and rabble rousing? I guarantee the kids at your Read-Aloud are! Books about trouble (making it, getting into it and getting out of it) are always a hit with kids. Here is everything you need to plan a feisty Read-Aloud-suggestions for books, activities and nonconformity!



Where's the Baby? by Pat Hutchins Ages 3 to 7 Ma and Grandma Ogre are so proud of their baby--he is so clever and so smart! As you read the words and the kids see the illustrations, they'll discover this baby is full of mischief.

David Gets in Trouble and other David books by David Shannon Ages 3 to 7

Poor David! At home or at school, grown ups are always scolding him. Kids love seeing a character in this familiar situation. Shannon mimics a young child's drawing style in this series, which helps illustrate David's personality.



WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARI

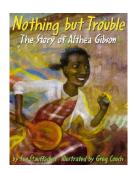


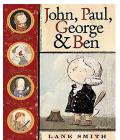
STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak Ages 3 to 7 Join Max as he imagines himself as King of the Wild Things! Kids love sharing his great adventure and they'll share the warm feeling Max gets when he finds his dinner has been kept warm for him. Check out the Reading Rockets Literacy Bag on this book for lots of great activity and discussion ideas.

Nothing but Trouble: The Story of Althea Gibson by Sue Stauffacher Ages 5 to 8

Everyone on the streets of Harlem says that Althea is "nothing but trouble." But she knows she's going to be somebody some day. Follow her story as she becomes the first African American to compete in and win Wimbledon. A swirl of colors surrounds Althea in each image, highlighting her energy and motion.





John, Paul, George & Ben by Lane Smith

Ages 7 to 10

You say you want a revolution? This impudent book pokes fun at our founding fathers. A mix of history and make-believe and a whole lot of silly make this book big fun.

Chapter Books

Choose a passage or a few pages from one of these books to start a conversation or set the stage for an activity with older kids

Matilda and other books by Roald Dahl

Dahl's characters are ready and willing to take on overbearing grownups!

Calvin - Hobbes

Calvin and Hobbes books by Bill Watterson

These beloved comic strip characters exist in a world without grownups. One or two of their strips could set the stage for a whole evening of fun.

Feisty Activities that Celebrate Mayhem

Choose one of the activities enjoyed by one of the heroes in the booklist.

Make monster masks, finger paint, play hide and seek or form a marching band with instruments made from household objects.

Rewrite the rules!

Put the mischievious main characters in charge and let them make the rules. Brainstorm or imagine with the kids what it would be like if David, Max or Althea were in charge. Make up a story together or have the kids draw, write or act out the new rules.

Name that troublemaker

- 1. Choose a few books about rabblerousers.
- 2. Select a line or paragraph from each that captures the essence of a character's mischief.
- 3. Show the kids the covers of the books and read your selections from a separate piece of paper. Be sure not to choose a passage with the character's name.
- 4. Have the kids match up the selections with the books.
- 5. Talk about why they made the matches they did. Tell them the actual combinations.
- 6. If the kids get stuck on a certain passage, read a larger selection or the entire book to the group.

When all else fails, play Trouble!

Remember the board game?

Constructive Conversations

Rebel or revolutionary?

While they were alive, folks like Thomas Jefferson and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were considered by some to be outlaws. Explore with the kids how standing up for what you believe in sometimes means going against the flow.

Remember the time?

Who remembers coloring on the walls? Throwing food at the grocery store? Share some stories you know about yourself as a child and ask the kids about their memories.

Get Moving!

When it's time to let loose or go bananas, use your arms as the banana peel and peel them away to get to the banana. Then use your arms as a huge mouth to chomp away at the banana. In the end, go bananas!

Bananas...Unite!
Peel bananas! Peel-peel bananas (x2)
Peel to the left
Peel to the right
Peel down the middle
And chomp! Take a bite!
Chomp! Chomp! Take a bite
Go bananas! Go-go bananas! (x2)

Watch a <u>video</u> of a group of teachers going bananas to get the idea.

TRC Calendar

Fun, not frustration

Join us for an all-volunteer training seminar focusing on making your Read-Alouds more fun and less frustrating by learning new approaches to managing behavior. The event will be held on Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 P.M at the Durant Recreation Center at 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria, 22314. Please RSVP here. Are you a great cook or baker? We'd love to sample your stuff. Contact Stephanie if you can help.

Save the date!

Join us for the 8th Annual Of Wine & Words on Friday, March 9th! Our Literacy Honoree will be Jarrett Krosoczka, author of the *Lunch Lady* graphic novel series. Tickets for TRC volunteers are \$35. Look for your invitation in the mail in early February.

TRC Training Hub Blog

For up-to-date ideas about planning and conducting your Read-Aloud and for online training opportunities, check out our new blog for volunteers, "TRC Training Hub." The blog is updated weekly and can be found here: http://trctraininghub.blogspot.com/.

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