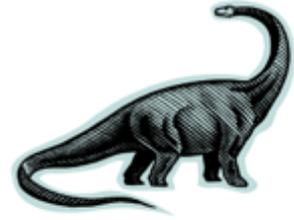


Together We Read

Teacher Resources

Easterly Parkway Elementary School, October 2012



Book Summary

Lulu is a spoiled little girl that demands a brontosaurus for her birthday. When her parents deny her request, Lulu sets out on her own to find a brontosaurus. During her journey through the woods, she encounters three animals and fights them off in the rudest way possible. When Lulu finally finds a brontosaurus, she is quite surprised when she discovers that he wants to keep her as his pet. Lulu is very unhappy as the brontosaurus's pet and learns to become a better mannered little girl. The story has several alternate endings.

Discussion Questions

Pre-reading questions:

- * What is one gift you have always wanted?
- * How do you react when you don't get something you want?
- * Have your parents ever told you that you couldn't have something or do something that you wanted? What did you want or want to do? What did your parents say?

Questions to ask while reading:

- * How does Lulu react when her parents say no?
- * What would you tell Lulu if she asked you for something you couldn't get her?
- * What would you do if you came in contact with a bear, snake, or tiger?
- * What would you pack in your bag if you were going on a long adventure?
- * What would you do if a dinosaur wanted to make you his pet?

Post-reading questions:

- * Did Lulu learn a lesson? If she did, what was it?
- * What ending was your favorite and why?
- * What are some things you liked about Lulu? What are some things you did not like about her?

Other Titles By Judith Viorst

Other Titles by Viorst Available in the EP Library:

- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*
- Alexander, Who's Not (Do You Hear Me? I Mean It!) Going to Move*
- Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday*
- My Mama Says There Aren't Any Zombies, Ghosts, Vampires, demons, Monsters, Fiends, Goblins or Things*
- The Alphabet From Z-A*
- Earrings!*
- I'll Fix Anything*

Webpage for Judith Viorst: <http://authors.simonandschuster.com/Judith-Viorst/707395>

Other Titles By Lane Smith

Other Titles by Smith Available in the EP Library:

- John, Paul, George and Ben*
- The Knights of the Round Table Series*
- The Stinky Cheese Man: And Other Fairly Stupid Tales*
- Squids Will Be Squids: Fresh Morales, Beastly Fables*
- The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs*

Website for Lane Smith: http://www.lanesmithbooks.com/LaneSmithBooks/Lane_Smith_Books.html

Cross-Curricular Lessons and Activities

Subject Area	K-2	3-5
<p>Writing Lulu wants a brontosaurus as a pet, but does not understand what responsibilities she will need to take on.</p> <p>Lulu wants things to go her own way.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss what it means to be respectful towards others. Ask students to create posters that display kind actions and gestures. 2. Take a story that students have previously written and have them write an alternative ending. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask students to write a persuasive letter to their parents asking for something they really want. Discuss persuasive letter format and have students include reasons why their idea is a good one. 2. Write an acrostic poem about one of the characters in the book. Use the site: www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/acrostic-poems-30045.html 3. Take a story that students have previously written and have them write an alternative ending.
<p>Reading</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. See attached discussion questions. 2. Book Talk another book by the author or illustrator. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. See attached discussion questions. 2. Book Talk another book by the author or illustrator.
<p>Library</p>	<p>Compare <u>Lulu and the Brontosaurus</u> with <u>Children Make Terrible Pets</u> by Peter Brown. After reading the books, complete a Venn Diagram to show the similarities and differences between the stories.</p>	<p>Compare <u>Lulu and the Brontosaurus</u> with <u>Children Make Terrible Pets</u> by Peter Brown. After reading the books, complete a Venn Diagram to show the similarities and differences between the stories.</p>

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<p>Art Lane Smith illustrates the pictures in black and white.</p>	<p>Study dinosaurs. Look at creating/drawing and naming a new kind. Examples: Starasaurus. Has stars all over its body. Nocturnal.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have students create black and white drawings. 2. Have students create dinosaurs out of recycled materials.
<p>Math Lulu love pickle sandwiches. Lulu travels through the forest to find a brontosaurus.</p>	<p>Try different types of pickles. Graph students' favorites and discuss the results.</p>	<p>Re-create a map of the forest area that Lulu visits. Give students measures of where each animal is located. Example: The bear is 5 inches away from Lulu's house. Incorporate compass directions as well.</p>
<p>Science Lulu wants a brontosaurus for a pet.</p>	<p>Dinosaur Web quest geared toward 2nd grade. http://olc.spsd.sk.ca/de/webquests/dino/dinowq.htm Facts about the brontosaurus: www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/dinosaurs/apatosaurus.html</p>	<p>Research why the name brontosaurus was changed to Apatosaurus.</p>
<p>Music Lulu sings a song about finding a brontosaurus.</p>	<p>Sing Lulu's song while making music using tambourines, rhythm sticks, and bells. Try singing softly and loudly.</p>	<p>Create your own song about a pet you would want. Try to make it rhyme. writerhymes.com</p>
<p>Physical Education Lulu encounters several animals on her adventure.</p>	<p>Play "Herbivore, Carnivore, and Omnivore Tag." http://www.ilovethatteachingidea.com/ideas/020411_herbivore_carnivore_omnivore_game.htm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set up an obstacle course for each animal Lulu meets. Have the students help in the creation of the course. Have students run the obstacle course. 2. Play "Herbivore, Carnivore, Omnivore"

