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A Boy Called Bat 50 min

Objective:

Introduce readers to the chapter book format and learn about skunks!

Big Idea:

Foster empathy

1. Warm Up / Anticipatory 20 min

There are 26 short chapters in [A Boy Called Bat](#) by Elana Arnold. Bat stands for Bixby Alexander Tam. His parents are divorced. He lives with his mom and sister. Bat and his sister also alternate weekends with their father. Bat's daily life is often consumed by obsessive behavior until his mom brings home a baby skunk.

Plan to share 2-3 chapters at a time - 15-20 minutes per day.



2. Investigation and New Learning 15 min

Bat's mom is a veterinarian and she brings home a baby skunk. Bat must learn to care for the skunk and he discovers a real Dr. Dragoo. Watch the video a portion of the video here- [Is that a Skunk?](#)

For more information see:

<https://www.wonderopolis.org/wonder/why-do-skunks-...>

<http://dragoo.org/>

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/is-that-skunk-the-a...>

3. Review & Check for Understanding 30 min

A BOY CALLED BAT has been selected as a 2018 Global Read Aloud book! Learn more about it here:

<https://theglobalreadaloud.com/2018/03/30/and-the-...>