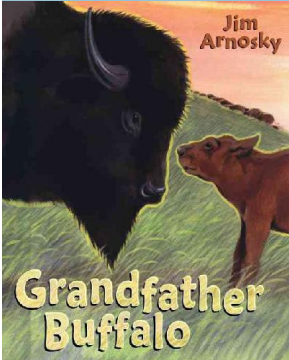


Beyond the Book...



Title: Grandfather Buffalo

Author: Jim Arnosky

Summary: This book is about a wise, old buffalo named Grandfather Buffalo who is lonely. One day he meets a female buffalo that is about to have a baby buffalo. Grandfather Buffalo stays with the soon to be mother and protects her along their journey. After the calf is born, they all look after each other like family and Grandfather Buffalo is no longer lonely because he knows he has someone to love.



Before Reading...

Ask questions to use what your child already knows to help him/her understand and enjoy book:

- Tell me what you know about buffalos.
- Where do you think buffalos might live?
- Take a “picture walk” through the book and talk about the illustrations before reading the book.

During Reading...

As you read the book talk with the child about the story and the illustrations. Ask questions such as:

- What are the names of the other animals you see in the book? Have you ever seen any of these animals up close before? If so, where?
- Why do you think Grandfather Buffalo wants to be the young calf’s friend?
- Why is it important for the members of a buffalo herd to travel together instead of alone?

After Reading...

- Encourage your child to talk about what he/she has done with a grandfather or older adult family member.
- Create a memory book of pictures or drawings of things they have done together.

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