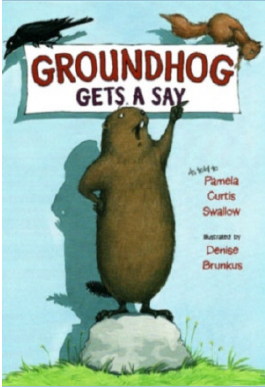


Beyond the Book...



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Title: Groundhog Gets A Say

Author: Pamela Curtis Swallow

Summary: A groundhog tells of his life cycle in a humorous, yet informative manner. The groundhog's journey begins on "National Groundhog day." Groundhog tells his journey in great detail with help from his friend crow and his cousin beaver.

Before Reading...

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

- Why do you think everyone gets so excited on groundhog day?
- Where are some places that ground hogs can live?
- How is hibernating different from regular sleeping?
- Tell me how long you think hibernating occurs.
- Tell me what a groundhog looks like.

During Reading...

As you read, talk about what is happening in the illustrations and the text:

- The groundhog digs dirt. What are some other ways/objects you could use to move dirt?
- If you could become a part of an animal family, which family would you join? Why?
- The groundhog eats insects and grass. Would you eat his food? Why or why not?

After Reading...

- Create your own holiday banner.
- Draw an underground map leading to an underground hibernation location.
- Write questions that you would ask your favorite animal?

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