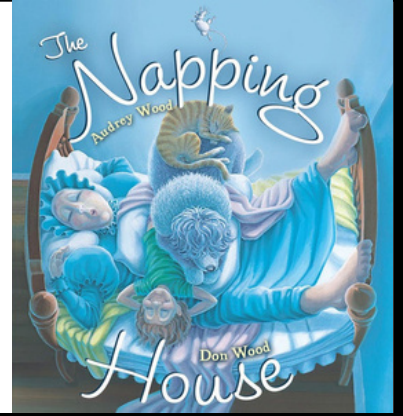


The Napping House

By Audrey & Don Wood



Before Reading: Get Ready

Tell your child what you see on the cover of the book. Then, ask your child what they see on the cover. Read the book's title, author, and illustrator to your child.

Activate comprehension and set a purpose for reading. Today, we are going to read about a grandmother (called granny in this book) and her grandchild who are sleeping, but lots of animals join them in their bed! What do you think will happen? Let's read to find out!. Are you ready to help me read? (Note: Encourage your child to "pretend read" the book with you! "Pretend reading" is the first stage of reading and builds your child's language development and early reading skills!).

During Reading: Read Together

Sit side-by-side to share the book, or have your child sit on your lap while you read to them.

Read the book in an excited voice and encourage your child to "read" with you. Touch under each word as you read aloud to help your child match spoken words with print. If your child comments on a page or asks questions about the book, please pause and briefly discuss before returning to reading to help your child engage in the reading.

Before reading, tell your child that the book is going to begin with a granny and her grandchild sleeping in a cozy bed. Explain that a cozy bed is one that is warm and comfortable.

- **Begin reading.**
- **On the page where the flea joins the bed,** explain that "wakeful" means that the flea is awake! Explain to your child that fleas can bite people and other animals, so ask them what they think will happen now!
- **After you finish reading the book,** ask your child to explain what happened. You may want to ask why the granny and her grandchild look so happy even though they were woken up!

After Reading: Discuss and Extend

Ask your child whether they liked the book. Ask your child whether they want you to read the book with them again! Encourage your child to “read” the book with you when you read it again.

After reading the book, you and your child could:

- Go to the library to find other books by Audrey and Don Wood or other books about animals!
- Write a silly story together (your child can tell you what to say and you can write it down) about people and animals sleeping in your home!
- Act out the book by pretending you were woken up by the flea and the other animals.
- Help your child to draw a picture of the bed with the granny, child, and all of the other animals in it.

NOTE: Videos for parents can be accessed on the LEAP website: <https://leap.cehd.gmu.edu/parent-and-family-resources/>