

LESSON PLAN FOR
HEY,! GET OFF OUR TRAIN

By Burningham

I read the book to the children as part of the unit on taking care of the Earth, endangered animals and caring about all life. It is a sweet book about a boy who plays with a train, falls asleep to his mother's bidding "Get to bed immediately. You know you have school tomorrow." The boy dreams he is on the train and meets all sorts of animals. They all want to get on his train because they are afraid of extinction. He and his dog friend tell them "Hey! Get off our train" and the elephant says, "Please let me go with you, they are hunting me for my tusks, and soon there will be none of us left." So he complies. At the end of the story his mom wakes him up for school and complains to him about all the animals in the house and does he know anything about that?

I talk to the students about this issue of caring for the earth and it's inhabitants. Then they go to the art table and produce a picture which in fact retells the story.

They use recall, animal naming, fine motor skills, writing, left to right orientation, coloring, and gluing to complete the project.

This activity is appropriate for preK 4 and 5 year olds and Kindergarteners.

The pictures below were done by my class and are displayed on our bulletin board.

Gail Permenter's afternoon class at Woodland Early Learning Center Dist. 220

