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We’re Back!

Author: Hudson Talbott

Illustrator: Hudson Talbott

Genre: Science Fiction

Awards: none

Multicultural: no

Summary

Captain New Eyes travels back in time in what is presumably the Late Cretaceous Period. He feeds the four dinosaurs named Rex, Elsa, Dweeb, and Woog his Brain Grain cereal, which makes them intelligent, nonviolent, and gentle. They travel via spaceship to the twenty-first century where they crash the Thanksgiving day parade in New York City. At first everyone thinks they’re just the giant balloons, until Rex, the T-Rex, bites into another balloon thinking it’s an old friend. This sends the city into a panic. They’re rescued by another scientist when they hide in the museum of Natural history. She reads them a bedtime story, and that’s the end.

Personal Reflection

This is one of my all-time favorite children’s books, as well as the movie that was made afterwards. It’s something that I’ve never seen before, and the idea is completely original. I love that they go back in time, give the dinosaurs “brain food”, and bring them to this century and let them loose. I love, love, love this book.

Activity

After reading this book, the student’s will have an extremely fun activity to do concerning dinosaurs. I will have everyone go outside, where I have buried little toy dinosaurs in a sand box. Each student will have a tiny shovel, and a bag to put their dinosaur in. 5 children will be aloud to dig at one time, and they will only take one dinosaur so that there are enough for everyone to have one. After each child discovers their dinosaur, we will go back inside and wash them off. The students will then get out a white sheet of paper, and use 3 words to describe the dinosaurs they’ve found.

Source: Teacher made