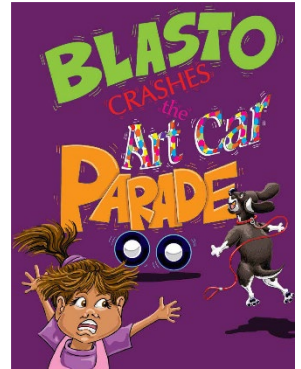


Blasto Crashes the Art Car Parade

Book Summary

Blasto Crashes the Art Car Parade is written to help children learn How to Pay Attention and Follow Instructions. Each of these skills is comprised of three simple behaviors. The steps to PAY ATTENTION are: STOP what you are doing; LOOK at the person talking; LISTEN. The steps to FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS are: LOOK at the person talking; NOD YOUR HEAD or SAY OKAY; DO IT RIGHT AWAY. Maddie and Michael (twins) and their dog Blasto learn how to Pay Attention and Follow Instructions through a series of successes and failures with consequences. These and other core-foundation social skills help children get along better with others, better focus their attention, learn more, save time, avoid trouble and experience success in school, at home and in the community.



Tips for Reading

Teaching your child(ren) how to Pay Attention and Follow Instructions develops critical skills that determine their success at home, in school and in the community. These core-foundation social skills help children learn, achieve and get along better with others.

Before Reading:

Show your child(ren) the book cover and ask, "What do you think might happen at the Art Car Parade if Blasto and Maddie do not Pay Attention and Follow Instructions?"

At school and at home, "Who asks you to Pay Attention and who asks you to Follow Instructions? Can you tell me a time when someone asks you to Pay Attention or Follow Instructions? Can you think of other children and adults who need to Pay Attention and Follow Instructions?"

During Reading:

P. 6: "What instructions do you think Blasto is not following?"

PP. 11-12: "What happens when Blasto does not Pay Attention and Follow Instructions? What are the instructions that Maddie and Michael do not follow?"

P. 15: "Can you repeat the instructions Dad gives to Maddie and Michael?"

PP. 21-22: "What are Dad's reasons for Maddie and Michael to Pay Attention and Follow Instructions?"

P. 28: "Because Maddie Pays Attention and Follows Instructions, what happens as a result?"

After Reading:

"What are some problems or negative things that happen when Maddie, Michael and Blasto do not Pay Attention and Follow Instructions?"

"What are some positive things that happen when Maddie, Michael and Blasto Pay Attention and Follow Instructions?"

"What about for you? What are some problems or negative things that happen when you do not Pay Attention and Follow Instructions?"

"What are some positive things that happen when you Pay Attention and Follow Instructions?"

Role Play How to Pay Attention and How to Follow Instructions

Example: Have children pretend to be reading a book. When you say: "1,2,3 eyes on me," the children need to Stop reading, Look at you, and Say- "1,2 eyes on you."

Give simple and fun instructions to the children. You are teaching and expecting the children to: Look, Nod their Heads or Say OK, and Do it Right Away. "Everyone put your hands on your head." Everyone stand up, turn around, and sit down."