The Three Billy Goats Gruff

a Readers' Theater play

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~Charles Clark, 1999

The bridge between decoding and comprehension is FLUENCY.

Our job as reading teachers is to model, teach, encourage and promote fluent reading with our primary kiddos.
The Benefits of Doing Readers’ Theater:

😊 Improved Fluency (pace, smoothness, expression)

😊 Students of different reading abilities can read together and help each other.

😊 It’s FUN!

Do Readers’ Theater:

😊 With your whole class

😊 In your small reading groups

😊 With your RTI groups

😊 As part of school-wide Explorations

😊 With your class’ big (reading) buddies
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Narrator: Once upon a time there lived three goats by the name of Gruff.

BBG: I am the biggest of my brothers, so my name is Big Billy.

MBG: I am the next biggest of my brothers, so my name is Medium Billy.

LBG: I am, of course, the smallest of my brothers, so my name is Little Billy.

Narrator: One day the brothers were hungry and saw a beautifully green field off in the distance.

BBG: Why don’t we cross the bridge and go eat delicious grass over there?

MBG: That sounds like a great idea.

LBG: I’m starving, let’s go!

Narrator: Trip, trap, trip, trap went Little Billy first across the bridge. Out jumped a big ugly troll with huge eyes and a long nose.

Troll: Who goes there? This is my bridge and I live under it!

LBG: My name is Little Billy and I’m just going to the other side to eat some delicious grass.
Troll: Well I’m hungry and I’m going to gobble you up!

LBG: Oh, please don’t eat me Mr. Troll. I’m a very small billy goat and won’t make much of a meal for you. You should wait for my brother, he’s much bigger.

Troll: Hmmmm, I guess you’re right. I am very hungry so you may pass.

LBG: Thank you.

Narrator: Trip, trap, trip, trap went Medium Billy next across the bridge. The big ugly troll was waiting for him in the middle of the bridge.

Troll: Who goes there?

MBG: My name is Little Billy and I’m just going to the other side to eat some delicious grass.

Troll: Well I’m hungry and I’m going to gobble you up!

MBG: Oh, please don’t eat me Mr. Troll. I’m only a medium billy goat and won’t make much of a meal for you. You should wait for my brother, he’s much bigger.

Troll: Hmmmm, I guess you’re right. I am very hungry so you may pass.

MBG: Thank you.
Narrator: *Trip, trap, trip, trap* went Big Billy last across the bridge. The big ugly troll was waiting for him in the middle of the bridge.

Troll: Who goes there?

BBG: My name is Big Billy and I’m just going to the other side to eat some delicious grass.

Troll: Well I’m hungry and I’m going to gobble you up!

BBG: I’d like to see you try. I’ve got two big horns that can knock you off your bridge.

Narrator: The troll came at Big Billy but Big Billy used his two big horns to knock him off his bridge.

BBG: Now where is that delicious green grass?

Narrator: All three billy goats wandered up the hillside and ate grass until they were full and fat. And that was that.
More Readers’ Theater Plays

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Reaching across the curriculum to incorporate science and social and studies allows students more opportunities and access to informational reading, which helps students “build a foundation of knowledge in these fields that will also give them the background knowledge to be better readers in all content areas” (CCSS).

Non-Fiction

- Chinese New Year
- Christmas Customs
- Diary of a Worm
- Eggstravaganza
- Fingerprints
- Fireworks -free-
- Groundhog’s Day
- Salmon Come From Eggs -free-
- Martin’s Message (MLK)
- The Life Cycle of the Apple
- The Life Cycle of the Butterfly
- The Life Cycle of the Frog
- The Life Cycle of the Pumpkin
- The Life Cycle of the Snowman
- The Water Cycle
- Volcanoes
FICTION

- Ant MEGA Pack
- Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain -free-
- Caps for Sale
- Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type
- Dogs Don't Wear Sneakers -free-
- Don't Let the Pigeon...
- Dooby Dooby Moo
- Fletcher and the Falling Leaves
- Giggle Giggle Quack
- Gingerbread Dude
- Hey Little Ant!
- How I Spent My Summer Vacation
- I Love You Stinky Face
- If You Give a Mouse a Cookie -free-
- Moose's Loose Tooth -free-
- Partner Plays PACK #1, #2 & #3
- Pigs -free-
- Pigsty
- Pirate PACK
- Pirate Pete
- Room on the Broom
- Sadie & the Snowman
- Sneezy the Snowman
- Splat the Cat
- Snow PACK
- Stone Soup
- The Ant Bully
- The Enormous Potato
- The Great Turkey Race
- The Gruffalo
- The Mitten
- The Sneaky Leprechaun -free-
- The Stinky Cheese Man -free-
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff -free-
- The Three Little Turkeys
- Tikki Tikki Tembo
- Two Bad Ants
- The Ugly Snowsuit
- The Very Cranky Bear -free-
- Thump, Quack, Moo!
- Tikki Tikki Tembo
- Too Many Pumpkins -free-
- Tooth Fairy PACK

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