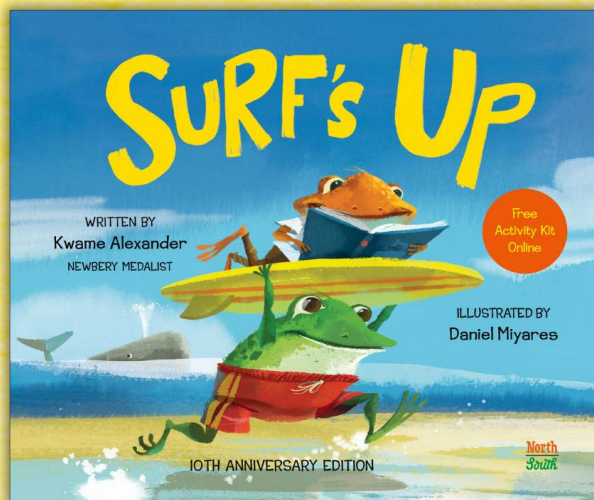


CATCH THE WAVE!

A Classroom Activity Kit for **SURF'S UP**



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Grade!

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About the Book

Bro and Dude have very different ideas about how to spend a day at the beach. But as Bro continues to gasp and cheer while he reads his book (*Moby Dick*), Dude can't help getting pulled in—literally. Before you can shout "Surf's up!" both frogs are sharing the same adventure—that is, until they get to the beach. Newbery Medalist Kwame Alexander and illustrator Daniel Miyares join forces to give readers a wild ride in this playful romp celebrating the joys of summer and reading.

About the Author

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About the Illustrator

DANIEL MIYARES is a critically acclaimed picture book author and illustrator. Some of his books include: *Float*, *Night Out*, *That is My Dream*, and *Bring Me A Rock!*. Daniel has been called "... a master of visual storytelling."—Jody Hewston, *Kinderlit*, and "... enchanting, versatile" —*The New York Times*. He believes that our stories have the power to connect us all. Daniel's story currently takes place in Lenexa, KS with his wife, their two wonderful children, and a dog named Violet that gives them all a run for their money. Visit him at DanielMiyares.com.

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Introduction

Reading to children every day is the most important thing a person can do to improve children's language skills. Take every chance to make reading a part of children's lives. The beachy and booky, sandy and surfy games, questions and activities in this guide will help make reading fun—and start youngsters developing the skills and enthusiasm to love books and reading as much as Bro and Dude do!



Pre-Reading Question

The action in this book revolves around reading and surfing. Ask students which they would rather do and why!

ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Questions, Questions, Questions

Corresponding CCSS: RL K.1, K.2, K.3, K.5, K.10, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, SL K.1, K.2, 1.1, 1.2

Whenever students read a book, ask them to think about the following questions to make sure they get the most out of their reading experience. Review these questions with the class and discuss their answers:

- What is the story about?
- Who is telling this story—is it a character in the book? Or a narrator?
- Where does this story take place?
- Who are the main characters? Are there any other characters in the story?
- Retell the story in your own words—what happened first, next, last?
- Is this book fiction or nonfiction?
- Why are we reading this book, for information or enjoyment?

Compare the Characters

Corresponding CCSS: RL K.1, K.3, K.9, 1.1, 1.3, 1.7, 1.9, SL K.1, K.2, 1.1, 1.2

Come together as a class and discuss what characters are and how we learn about them from the things they do and say in a story. Who are the main characters of *Surf's Up*? Ask students to describe Dude and Bro and make a chart listing their answers to the following questions: What do they look like? What sorts of things do they do? What do they like? What do they not like? Compare the two friends.

How are they the same? How are they different? Do they change at all over the course of the story? Do Dude and Bro remind students of any favorite characters from other books they've read?



Exclamation Point!

Corresponding CCSS: RL K.1, K.10, 1.1, RF 1.1, L K.1, K.2, 1.1, 1.2

“COWABUNGA!” “BOOOORING!” “SHHHH!”

An exclamation point shows excitement or feeling—and this book is full of exclamation points! Go on an “exclamation point hunt” with the class. Find the phrases and sentences that use this punctuation. Keep a class count of how many times the exclamation point appears. Practice saying different sentences and interjections with feeling and proper inflection. What emotion is being expressed? How would the sentence sound if the exclamation point were a question mark, or a period? Discuss how these different punctuation marks change the meaning and feeling of each sentence.

Maze Activity



Coloring Page

