

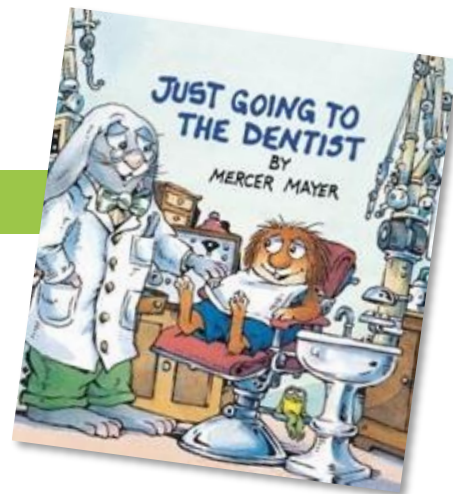
Just Going To The Dentist

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Wellness, Healthy Habits

Book Brief: Little Critter heads to the dentist and has a complete checkup, including x-rays. When Dr. Ghum finds a cavity, Little Critter is brave as he fills it.

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Mercer Mayer



BEFORE READING

The Cover: Read the title. Ask students what they notice about Little Critter. Where do you think Little Critter is? What makes you say that?

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they see, think, or wonder about the story.

Vocabulary: [Vocabulary Guide](#)

Prior Knowledge: Ask students if they have ever been to the dentist. As a class, brainstorm a list of things that can happen or what we can find at the dentist.

Purpose for Reading: “As we read, think about how Little Critter feels about the dentist.”

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Why did Little Critter go to the dentist?
- How do you think Little Critter felt as he went to the dentist?
- What did the nurse and dentist do that made Little Critter
- What did the dentist find in Little Critter’s mouth?
- How did Little Critter feel about the dentist before his trip versus after?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: How did Little Critter feel about the dentist? Did his feelings change by the end of the story?

Extending Our Thinking: What can you do to make sure you are prepared for the dentist? Based off the story, what little things can you do to make sure to be prepared.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.