

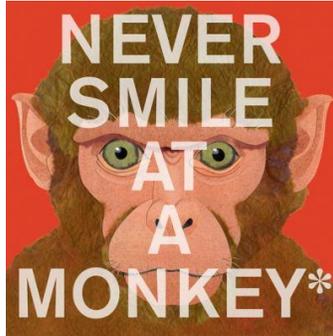
 Books to
Treasure

Never Smile at a Monkey: And 17 Other Important Things to Remember

by Steve Jenkins

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Comprehension/Critical Literacy

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Focus: Use concepts in [*Never Smile at a Monkey*](#) to construct appropriate meaning.

Pass Objectives:

- 5.1a Read and comprehend fiction and nonfiction that is appropriately designed for second grade.
- 5.1b Use pre-reading strategies to preview, activate prior knowledge, make predictions, use picture clues, and establish the purpose for reading (i.e. graphic organizers).
- 5.1c Ask and respond to questions to aid comprehension about important elements of fiction and nonfiction.
- 5.2b Support interpretations or conclusions with example taken from the text.
- 5.4a Identify cause and effect relationships in a text.

Supplies & Suggestions: Visit the school library and public library to find books about dangerous animals. Check out several copies of [*Never Smile at a Monkey*](#) by Steve Jenkins. Make predictions by using picture clues and cause and effect. Although Jenkins' books are nonfiction, could you create a lesson or moral for your favorite dangerous animal featured in [*Never Smile at a Monkey*](#).

Book Suggestions:

[*Animals Nobody Loves*](#) by Seymour Simon

[*Dangerous Animals*](#) by Rebecca Gilpin

[*Youch! it Bites!: Real-life Monsters Up Close*](#) by Trevor Day