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About Playbooks® Reader's Theater

Families and siblings can have even more fun reading together with **Playbooks® Reader's Theater** stories. **Reader's Theater is reading a story out loud while each of you bring your character to life.** You don't need costumes or a set, just a willingness to have fun!

Playbooks® are unique with story character roles written at different reading skill levels so the whole family can participate regardless of each reader's age. Also, each character's dialogue appears in a different color making it easier for each reader to keep track of their part.

Everyone has a role to play in your family reading adventure! **Playbooks®** are beautifully illustrated and teach children about friendship, healthy habits, and good character. Fun activity sheets are also included for additional edu-tainment.

Simply go to: www.familyreadingadventures.com
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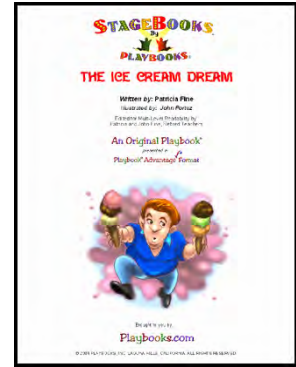


Free Story Sample and Activity are attached so you can experience the fun and value of **Playbooks® Reader's Theater** first-hand! Your child's teacher may instruct you to return worksheet after completion with parent initials.

Playbooks® Reader's Theater

The Ice Cream Dream

Fun Take-Home Reading Activity



PARENT INTRODUCTION

Reader's Theater is an exciting and powerful reading tool that you and your child can use together to improve your child's reading skills. You may not be familiar with Reader's Theater, so here is a short explanation.

Reading a Playbooks® Reader's Theater story is like reading a play aloud without memorizing your lines. There are many character parts for different family members to read. The story has lots of dialogue written at a variety of reading levels, so everyone can read at their own level. Each reader takes one or more character roles in the story. The words and sentences for each character part appear in a different color, which makes it easy for readers to follow along and read their part. As family members read their characters' parts aloud, they act like their characters using gestures and expressions to show the character's personality and feelings. When children are "performing" a story, they are motivated to read it over and over and improve their acting and reading.

To start this home activity, please choose the character parts for your readers. There are five reading parts which can be distributed between your family members. The parts are written for readers between grades 2 and 4. Please consider the reading stages when you choose the parts for younger readers.

Who's Going to Be Who?

Ask your parents to help divide the character parts between the people who will be reading them. Write their names below next to the character they will be.

Mr. MacRicee _____
 Vanilla Ice Cream Cone _____
 Chocolate Ice Cream Cone _____
 Strawberry Ice Cream Cone _____
 Narrator _____



Fun Family Reading Activity

A short part of the popular Playbook,[®] *The Ice Cream Dream*

In the Playbook,[®] *The Ice Cream Dream*, Mr. MacRicee's favorite store is the Sweet Treat Shop where he goes after dinner for a single scoop cone. Things are about to change, though, because Mr. MacRicee likes ice cream a little too much!

Read this small portion of the story shown below with your family and friends. Pretend you are really the character in the story and say the lines just like they would say them. Have fun and bring this little piece of Reader's Theater to life with your voices and dramatic expression!

THE FUN BEGINS.....START READING ALOUD!

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| Narrator | When tomorrow came, and Mr. MacRicee went shopping for more ice cream, he found that he was wrong about how much room he had left in his freezer. |
| Mr. MacRicee | Now what can I do? |
| Vanilla | Buy another freezer! |
| Chocolate | Buy two more freezers! |
| Strawberry | Buy three more freezers! |
| Mr. MacRicee | I can do that, but where will I put them? |
| Vanilla | In the dining room ... you will <i>dine</i> on ... ice cream. |
| Chocolate | In the living room ... you will <i>live</i> for ... ice cream. |
| Strawberry | In the bedroom ... you will <i>wake up</i> to ... ice cream. |
| Mr. MacRicee | But what about my things? |
| Vanilla | Do you <i>really</i> need that couch? |
| Chocolate | Do you <i>really</i> need that dining room set? |
| Strawberry | Do you <i>really</i> need that bed? |
| Mr. MacRicee | Well, I.... |
| Vanilla | What's the problem? You can sit on a freezer and watch TV. |
| Chocolate | What's the problem? You can eat on a freezer. |
| Strawberry | What's the problem? You can sleep on a freezer. |
| Narrator | Mr. MacRicee returned to the appliance store to buy more freezers. |



Home Activity Sheet

1. Which character role did you read aloud? _____
2. Which person did the best job acting like their character part?

3. I did a really good job reading my part, because _____

4. I could have been better at _____
5. Which character part would you like to read next time, and why?

6. In what other room in his house could Mr. MacRicee put another freezer?

7. Do you want to read the rest of the story?

8. How do you think the story will end? _____
9. _____

Student Name _____ Parent Initials _____ Date _____

