

# Dragon's Fat Cat

by Dav Pilkey

Young readers will fall in love with this charming story about friendship, loyalty and caretaking, which is beautifully illustrated and written in the early-reader, chapter book style



## Read

### Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *What animal would be your favorite pet?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder if that cat likes the dragon?

### During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Ask the children to try and remember as you read which animal crawled in the mitten first, second, and so on.

### After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What was the weather like outside of Dragon's house?
- What noise did Dragon hear? What made that noise?
- What did Dragon name the cat?
- Where did Cat sleep? Dragon?
- What kinds of problems did Dragon and Cat have?
- How did Dragon try to fix the smelly yellow mess problem?
- Where did Dragon go to get all of the new things for Cat? What did he buy?
- What happened to Cat?
- Where did Dragon find Cat? What else was there with Cat?

## Do

### Write Your Own Chapter

After reading the story, talk about the elements of the book and the components (table of contents, chapters, etc.). On a large piece of paper or whiteboard, write down possible new chapter titles. Next, have the children brainstorm ideas about what they would have Cat and Dragon do, accomplish or create. Then create simple sentences out of their ideas, to create the new chapter. After the class creates the new chapter, give the children enough time to illustrate the new part of the story.

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