

Oppitunnin tavoite

Mitä tarvitaan?

- Novels
- Pencils, writing paper, erasers
- Character posters

Oppitunnin kulku

Activity #1: Homework review (Chapter 8 "The TV Star")

- New words or expressions to discuss:
 - To hail a taxi (P 84): to wave down a taxi (very common in NYC)
 - To put on her face (P 85) (Peter's mom about his father's secretary Janet): to put on make up
 - Advertising agency (P 89): company that makes commercials or other forms of advertisements for companies.
- New character introduced: Aunt Linda, Peter's mother's sister, lives in Boston
- Class discussion: when one of your parents are out of town, what is it like? Peter likes when it's just his dad at home as his dad "doesn't care about keeping things neat. He never examines me to see if I'm clean. And he lets me stay up late at night" (P 84)
- A new product is being made into a commercial at Peter's dad's work, the Toddle-Bike.
 - Fudge and Peter see all of the young kids trying out for the roll of riding the Toddle-Bike in the commercial
 - Fudge is selected by the president of Toddle-Bike himself to be in the commercial (P 88)
- Class discussion: has anyone been in a commercial before or know of anyone (friends or other family members) who have been?
- Peter once again helps get Fudge to do what is expected of him (he did it at the dentist and with the shoes) by riding around on the Toddle-Bike until Fudge wants back on. The commercial is filmed
- Crossword answers

Activity #2: Read Aloud Chapter 9 "Just Another Rainy Day"

- New words or expressions to discuss:
 - Rubbers (P 98): rubber boots
 - Omelet (P 103): egg dish
- Peter's father brings the boys to a movie:
 - Fudge goes missing in the theatre and the movie is stopped
 - Peter finds him in the front row of the theatre, close to the screen where Fudge says he just wanted to pet the bears
 - Peter's father has to explain that like TV, you cannot touch what you are watching
- Peter's father insists on making an omelet, something that Peter's mom has never made before
 - Peter is worried, but pretends he likes it since his dad is so hap-

- py with the omelet
- Fudge actually does love it
- Turns out that Peter's dad doesn't like it, there is something wrong with it
- Peter's mom is shocked to learn about Fudge being in the commercial for Toddle-Bike, 6 weeks after he made it, when she sees it on TV

Activity #3: Students share their character posters

Activity #4: Letter to teacher

- Have students write the teacher about the book
- The letter should include the following:
 - A topic or introduction sentence that state's the book's title (Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing)
 - List 2-3 of your favourite parts and explain why they are funny (an explanation to each individually)
 - A part of the story that reminds you of your own life and why
 - How the book has made you feel and why
 - Any further questions or comments that you would like to address.
- The teacher should reply!

Kesto: 90 minutes

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- Encourage use of oral skills through presentations of individual character posters
- Active listening and participation are encouraged
- Use of creative writing skills and first person writing skills
- Students are able to express their opinions and thoughts regarding the novel so far.