

My favourite book

Celebrating World Book Day on 1 March 2012 &
Preparation for the St Patrick's Day Parade 17 March 2012

What books do you like?

Step 1 At home

Talk to your family and friends at home about some of the books you have. Choose a book that you really enjoy reading so you can show it to your class mates and your teacher.



Step 2 At home

Sit down with your family for a few minutes and take a look at your favourite book. Have a chat about what picture you might draw to illustrate your favourite book. If your book is a story book, imagine a costume for one of the characters. If your book is not a story book, imagine a costume or a prop that would illustrate an object featured in the book. For example, a space rocket or a tree.

Step 3 At home

Put the book that you have chosen into your school bag on Wednesday evening 29 February 2012 (it's a leap year!), ready for you to bring into school on Thursday morning 1 March 2012.

Step 4 At school - Class time

The next day your teacher will organise a special time during the day when you can take out your favourite book. Your teacher may ask four or five of your class mates to show their book to the whole class and to tell everyone about it. ☺ Don't worry if you forget to bring in your book! You can still tell people about it!

Step 5 At school - Class time

In your group at your desk, you each take a turn to show off your favourite book and to explain why you like the book. Don't forget to listen when it is not your turn, and to use a calm, indoor voice when it *is* your turn. Otherwise your class room might get a bit too noisy, and not everyone would feel comfortable!!

Step 6 At school - Class time

Next, you can take out your pencil cases and colours. Your teacher will provide you with some drawing paper, and you can have some quiet art time. Here are a few ideas for your pictures:

If your book is a story book:

- A picture of a place featured in your book.
- A picture of a *scene* from the story (a place, characters doing something, or something that happens in the story).
- A picture of one of the characters.
- A design for a costume.
- A picture of an object or a thing that appears in the story.

If your book is a factual book:

- A picture of a place featured in the book.
- A picture of an object, an animal or a plant that is described in the book.
- A picture of an event that is described in the book.

Step 8 **At school - Yard time**

Optional

Ask your friends if they would like to play 'Crazy Parade'. **How do you play that?** Each person pretends to be a character or an object from their favourite book. You have an invisible costume hanging on an invisible coat hanger. Take your costume off the hanger and put it on. You might need to help one another with the zips. They can be a bit tricky! Now all line up, get your invisible musical instruments ready, and enjoy your Parade!

Step 9 **At home**

Optional

Our school theme for the Greystones St Patrick's Day Parade on 17 March 2012 is *We Love Books!* If you are able to participate in the Parade, you can work with your family and friends at home to make a placard* or a costume (or both!) that illustrates your favourite book. You can pick up some art materials from outside the school on 27 Feb and 2 March 2012 (this will be facilitated by a parent). There is a step-by-step photo guide to making your placard on the Parents Association website: <http://greystonesetnsipa.ie/2012/02/21/parade-2012-tips/>



**What is a placard?? - A placard is a cardboard picture on a light bamboo stick that you can hold while you are participating in the Parade.*

☺ **Let's hear it now for
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