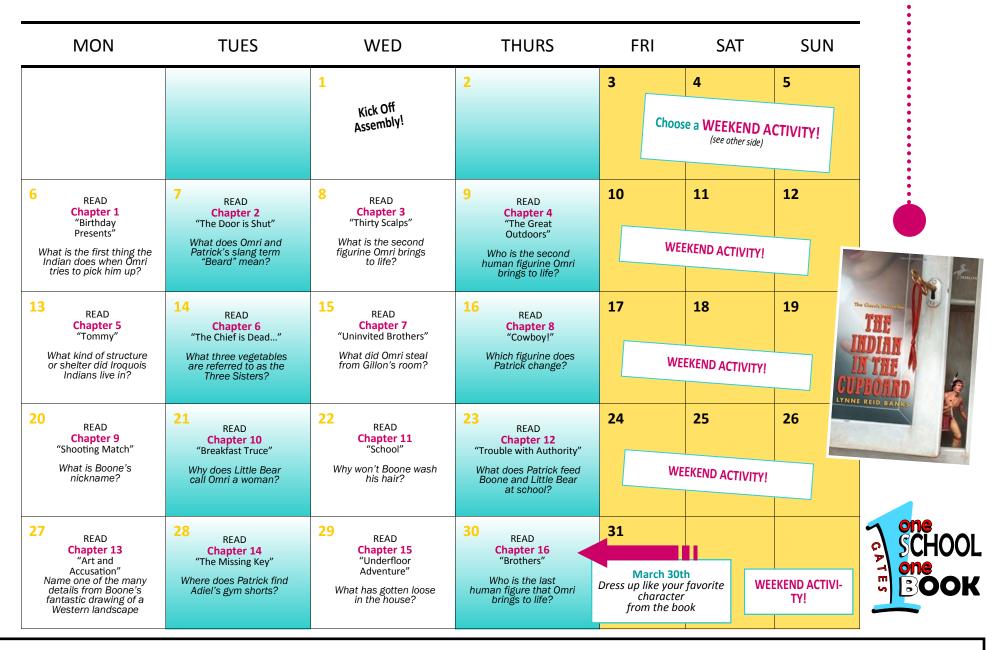
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The Indian In the Cupboard



The Indian in the Cupboard... It's Omri's birthday, but all he gets from his best friend, Patrick, is a little plastic Indian brave. Trying to hide his disappointment, Omri puts the Indian in a metal cupboard and locks the door with a mysterious skeleton key that once belonged to his great-grandmother. Little does Omri know that by turning the key, he will transform his ordinary plastic Indian into a real live man from an altogether different time and place!

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Make Indian Longhouses and Teepees

Use art supplies to make homes for Little Bear. Longhouses can be made from clay or sticks and glue. Teepees can be made simply using cloth and dowels, tortillas and kebab sticks, or brown paper lunch bags and chopsticks. Get creative! Once made, decorate it with Indian paintings.

Refer to these websites for further information: www.indians.org/articles/iroquois-longhouse.html www.susankae.com/Iroquois%20longhouse.pdf

Create an Indian Vest

Use a brown paper bag to create a vest to wear and decorate it!

Map It Out!

Draw and color a map of the Iroquois land.

Refer to these websites for further information:

www.warpaths2peacepipes.com/native-american-Indians/iroquois-confederacy.htm

www.webpages.uidaho.edu/~rfrey/329Iroquoistradtionallands.htm

Make a Cupboard

Make a cupboard, decide what you will put in it to transform to a living thing. Write a story/account of what happens when this item comes to life. It does not have to be plastic, as it was in the book but it must fit in the cupboard. Examples might be: toy dinosaur, stuffed animal, doll, toy car, toy robot, etc.)

Encourage the kids to keep their project secret so others can make guesses later.

Imagine!

Write about what you think it might be like if one of your toys came alive. Which toy would you want to come to life and why?

Turn your story into a book and design the cover.

Watch the Movie

End your reading event by watching the 1995 film adaptation of the book by Melissa Mathison (screenplay) and Frank Oz (director). Invite your family to join in and don't forget the popcorn!

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Every chapter contains a few words that may be a little tricky for you. Here is a list of words you might want to look up to learn their meaning.

Chapter 1

baffled, coherent, petrified, miniscule, jolted

Chapter 2

tantalizing, sarcastic, writhed, stark, appalled, crestfallen, ravenously, scowled

Chapter 3

wrenched, lithely, despised, commando

Chapters 4 & 5

peril, clambered, foreboding, wince, escarpment, forlornly

Chapter 6

peevishly, maize, quiver, hectoring, dawdling

Chapter 7

reverently, galvanized, uncanny

Chapter 8

mulish, warily, abrupt, oblige

Chapter 9

prostrate, dolefully, frenzied, infuriated

Chapter 10

pummeling, truce

Chapter 11

dicey, raucous, fiendish

Chapter 12

gesticulating, dithered, sulkily, stealthily

Chapter 13

flummoxed, bafflement, aghast, enthralled, corridor

Chapter 14

lofty, myriad, rashly, transfixed, sieve

Chapter 15

dire, admiration, dismay, vulnerable, bedraggled, triumphant

Chapter 16

petered, chirrup,