



Second Grade

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GRADE 2 ELA ACTIVITY 3 – RESPONSIBILITY

A video lesson of a Knox County 2nd grade teacher that accompanies this text is available on KCS YouTube Channel and KCS TV.

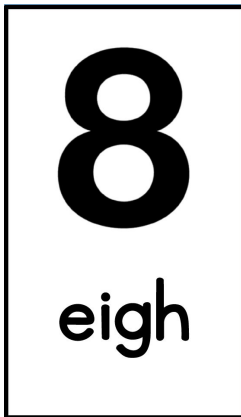


In this text, your child will be looking for specific clues about:

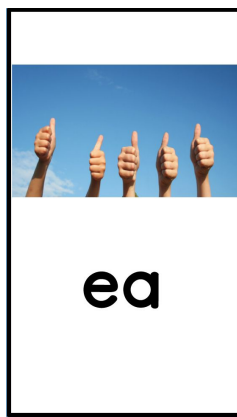
TOPIC: Responsibility

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: What does it mean to be responsible?

DECODING: eigh, ea, ei, ey



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BUILDING BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE:

- Ask your child what responsibility means.
- Tell them as they read, they'll continue looking closely to figure out how we can be responsible when we make a mistake. Students will learn that it's important to take responsibility for mistakes.

READING THE TEXT: *The Signmaker's Assistant*

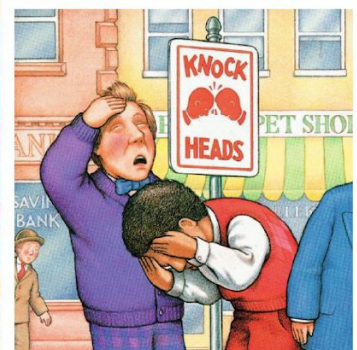
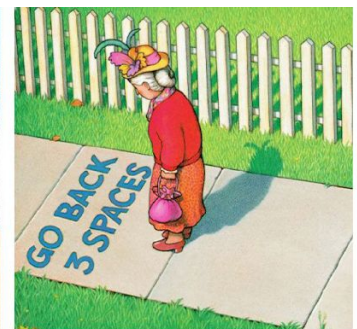
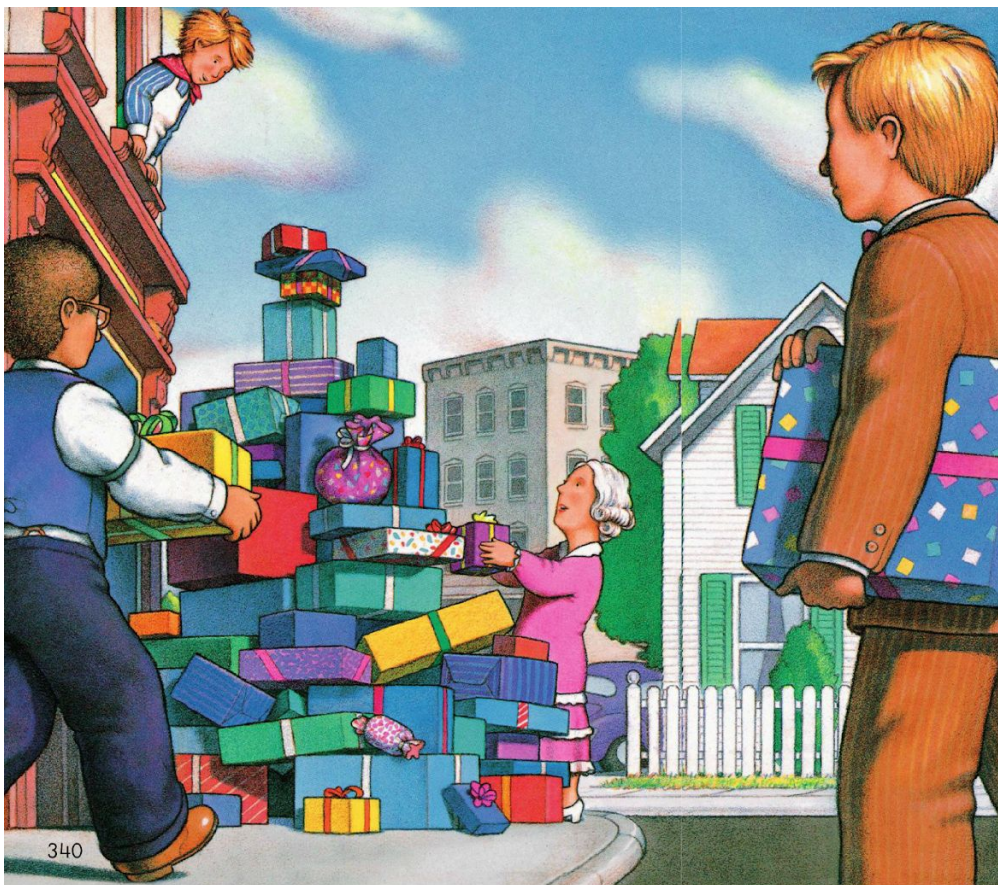
- You may choose to take turns reading the text with your child, read the text at the same time, or have your child read independently.

WRITE IN RESPONSE TO TEXT:

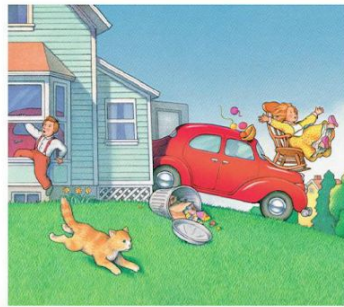
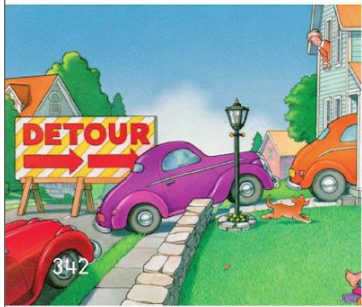
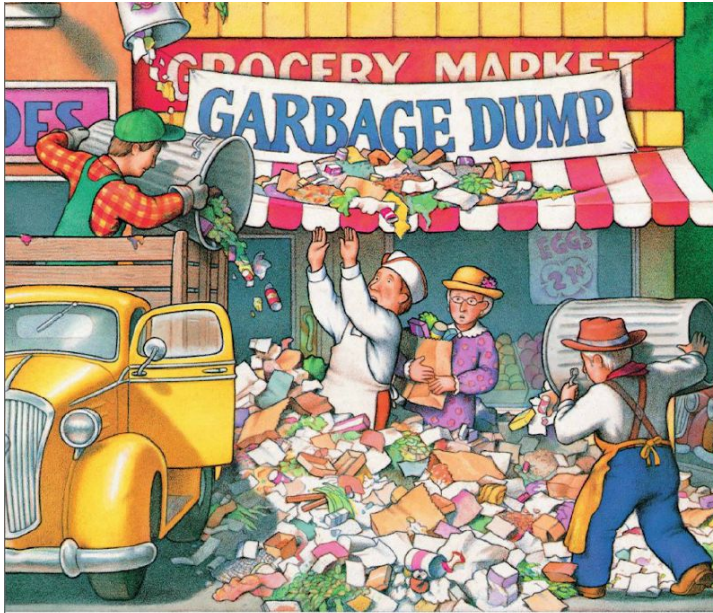
- TASK: What lesson did Norman learn? Use details from the text to support your answer.

EXTENSION:

- Write a letter apologizing to someone for a mistake you made.

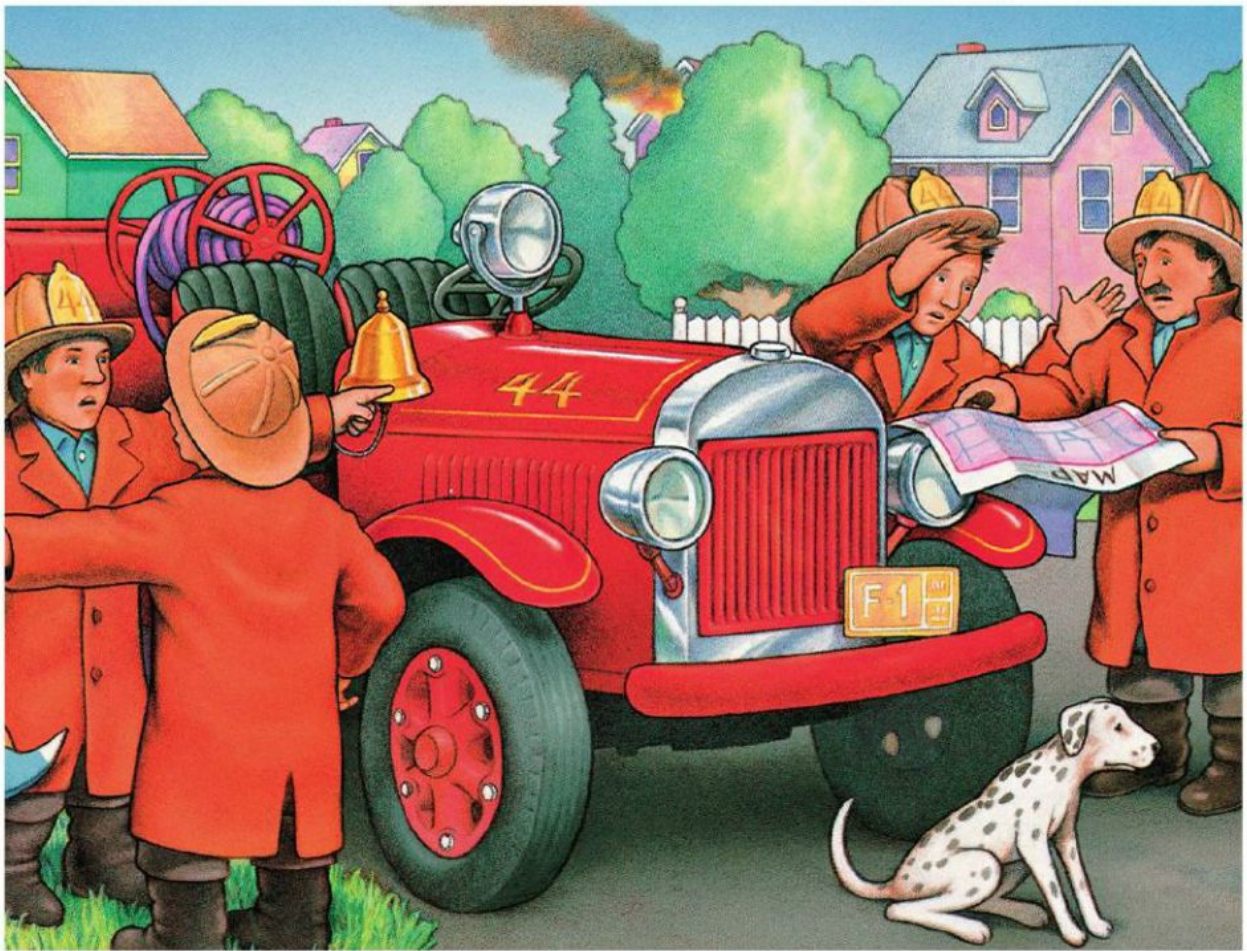


Norman watched it all and laughed until tears came to his eyes. But soon he saw people becoming angry.



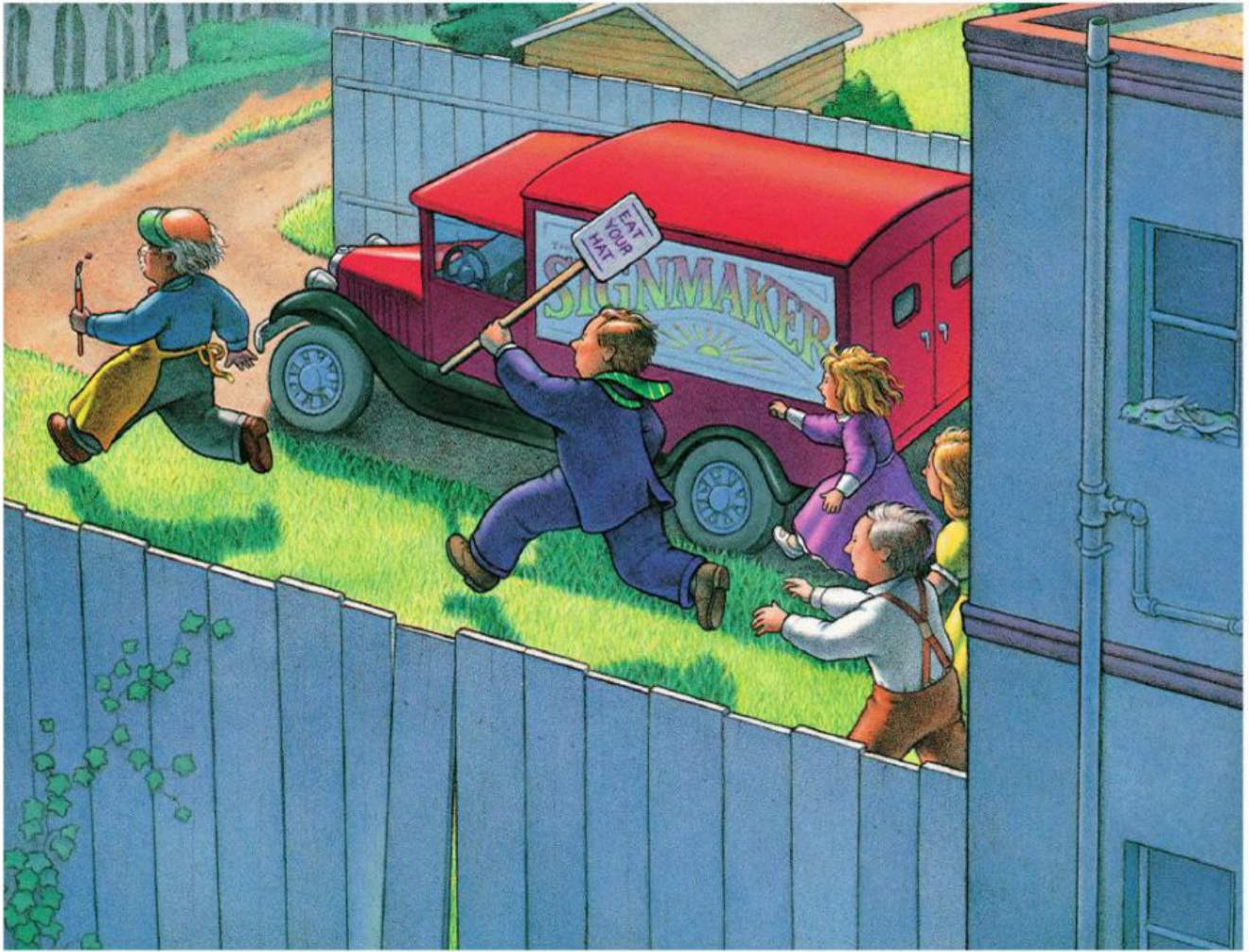
“The signmaker is playing tricks,” they shouted. “He has made fools of us!”

The teacher tore down the NO SCHOOL TODAY sign. Suddenly people were tearing down all the signs—not just the new ones but every sign the signmaker had ever painted.



Then the real trouble started. Without store signs, shoppers became confused. Without stop signs, drivers didn't know when to stop. Without street signs, firemen became lost.





In the evening when the signmaker returned from his work in the next town, he knew nothing of Norman's tricks. An angry crowd of people met him at the back door of his shop and chased him into the woods.

As Norman watched, he suddenly realized that without signs and without the signmaker, the town was in danger.

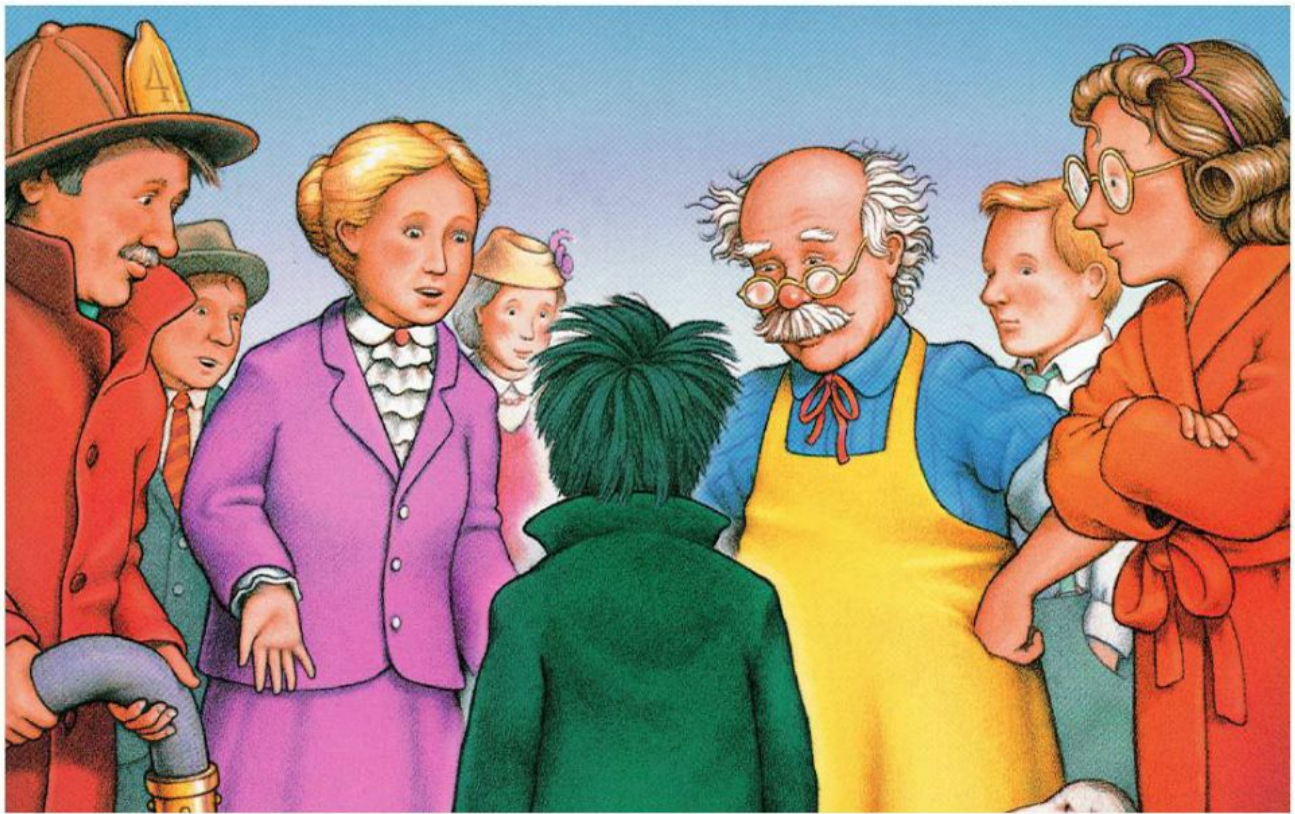
"It's all my fault!" cried Norman, but no one was listening.



Late that night the signmaker returned and saw a light on in his shop. Norman was feverishly painting.

While the town slept and the signmaker watched, Norman put up stop signs, shop signs, street signs, danger signs, and welcome signs; in and out signs, large and small signs, new and beautiful signs. He returned all his presents and cleared away the garbage at the grocery store. It was morning when he finished putting up his last sign for the entire town to see.

Then Norman packed his things and locked up the shop. But as he turned to go, he discovered the signmaker and all the townspeople gathered at the door.



“I know you’re angry with me for what I did,” said Norman with downcast eyes, “so I’m leaving.”

“Oh, we were angry all right!” answered the school principal. “But we were also fools for obeying signs without thinking.”

“You told us you are sorry,” said the signmaker, “and you fixed your mistakes. So stay and work hard. One day this shop may be yours.”

“Perhaps,” answered Norman, hugging the old man, “but not before I finish cleaning those brushes.”

