



JOKE & RIDDLE BOOKS SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHERS

(AKA, How can I relate this to other curriculum?)

*Note: These are just a few curriculum standards that apply to my books.
I'm sure that you, the experts, can find even more.

- *Greatest Goofiest Jokes
- * Goofy Knock-Knocks
- * Pet Jokes That Will Make You Howl!
- * Laughin' Jammin' Slammin' Jokefest

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS:

☺ Read **GREATEST GOOFIEST JOKES/GOOFY KNOCK-KNOCKS/PET JOKES/LAUGHIN' JAMMIN' SLAMMIN' JOKEFEST** (grades 2-5).

CA Standards:

Grade One:

1.0 Reading Decoding and Word Recognition
Literary Response and Analysis 3.2
Listening and Speaking 2.1

Grade Two:

1.0 Reading
Comprehension 2.6

Grade Three:

Vocabulary and Concept Dev. 1.4
2.0 Reading Comprehension 2.4, 2.6
3.0 Literary Response and Analysis 3.1
2.0 Speaking Applications 2.2

Grade Four:

1.0 Reading 1.2, 1.5, 1.6
2.0 Reading Comprehension 2.2
3.0 Literary Response and Analysis
2.0 Writing Applications (Genres and Their Characteristics) 2.2
2.0 Speaking Applications (Genres and Their Characteristics), 2.4

Language Arts Activities:

- Have students do a two-minute quick-write on why humor is important to people.
- Encourage students to think about what makes a good joke (set-up, punch line, surprise, cognitive dissonance, wordplay).

- Give students a choice of words from which they can create their own jokes or riddles, using wordplays and puns (hint: choose words with lots of rhyming options).
- Have students create their own riddles using the method I demonstrate in my assembly.
- Have students give a brief oral presentation using favorite jokes or jokes they've created themselves.
- Have a school-wide joke writing contest. Top entries can be read over the loud speaker at appropriate times. Winner gets an autographed joke book.

MATHEMATICS ACTIVITIES:

☺ **GREATEST GOOFIEST JOKES/GOOFY KNOCK-KNOCKS/PET JOKES THAT WILL MAKE YOU HOWL!** Estimate how many jokes are in a joke book by counting the number of jokes on the first ten pages and dividing it by ten (determining an average). Multiple the average by the number of pages. The answer is that GGJ has 600 jokes and riddles; GKK has approximately 300; Pet Jokes has approximately 500.

-Have students brainstorm why all three books have the same number of pages yet different amounts of jokes. Why the difference? GGJ has more riddles (which take up less space so more material was needed to fill the book). GKK has less because KK jokes are longer (hence taking up more space and making fewer jokes needed to fill the book). Pet Jokes has the average number of jokes in a standard joke book.

SOCIAL STUDIES/HISTORY ACTIVITIES:

☺ **PET JOKES THAT WILL MAKE YOU HOWL!**

- May 1-7 is National Pet Week AND Be Kind to Animals Week (contact the American Humane Society for more info, www.americanhumane.org)

GREATEST GOOFIEST JOKES/GOOFY KNOCK-KNOCKS/PET JOKES THAT WILL MAKE YOU HOWL!

- April is National Humor Month.
- Have a joke-writing contest (classroom or school wide).
- Start (or end) the school day with a riddle.
- Create a "Class Joke & Riddle Book" for display (or have the principal read from with his/her daily announcements).

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS ACTIVITIES:

ALL BOOKS:

Art:

- Ask students what makes for good illustrations. Have them draw their own cartoon illustration from any one of the joke books.
- Pair up students and let them perform skits using the dialogue jokes.