

Firefighter Ted

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Burning toast, a sizzling sidewalk, volcanoes erupting at a science fair...Danger lurks everywhere, and not a firefighter to be found...Ted knows it is time to become Firefighter Ted. It's the least a helpful bear can do.

Beaty's tongue-in-cheek humor keeps the pages turning... Lemaitre's brilliant colors fairly jump off the pages. Sure to fire up kids' imaginations while tickling their funny bones at the same time.

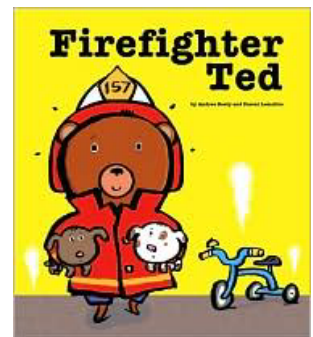
—Kirkus Reviews

Ted's blind confidence in his abilities will provoke lots of laughs.

—Publisher's Weekly

Well done, Ted.

— Horn Book



Fun Across the Curriculum

Math and Science

Be sense-ible! Ted *smells* burnt toast. He *sees* smoke. He *feels* heat. He *hears* the fire alarm. (He probably *tasted* the whipped cream from his pretend fire extinguisher when no one was looking!) Play the **Use Your Senses** game. Let a grown-up pick some safe objects to identify (food, household items, things from nature) and try to guess what they are while wearing a blindfold. **Challenge:** Taste different foods while holding your nose plugged. Is it easier or harder to identify food that you can't smell?

Sort! There are lots of different animals in this book: bears, cats, turtles, dogs, alligators, birds, pigs, cows, ducks, elephants, geese, giraffes, wolves, mice, rabbits, goats, snakes. What are ways they can be sorted into groups? **Hints:** *How do they move? How many legs do they have? What color are they? What do they eat? Where do they live?*

Think! Which animals in this book might be friends in real life? Which ones wouldn't? Think of scientific reasons for your answers. **Hints:** *habitats, diets, competition*



Forward, March! Draw pictures of animals from this book, cut them out, and make a paper **parade**. Line them up in different ways: biggest to smallest; wildest to most tame; according to color; alphabetically.

Or: pretend you are an animal from the book. Make a noisy parade through the school with your class as you make your animals' sounds.

Language Arts

Word Study: What words rhyme with "fire"? What about "fight"? Make a list. **Challenge:** Is the "-ire" sound always spelled *i-r-e*? What about "ight" — are there other ways to spell it besides *-i-t-e*? Sort your word lists by spelling.

Writers' Workshop: Ted really likes to help people. In Doctor Ted, he tried to help people who are sick or hurt. In Firefighter Ted, he tries to prevent fires. What are some other helping jobs? Which ones do you think would be hard? Which ones do you think you would be good at? Write a story or draw a picture in which you are an important helping person.

Social Skills

It's always good to have help from a friend. Fill a classroom jar with a marble each time you see someone helping someone else. See how quickly you and your friends can fill the jar!

Creative Art and Dramatic Play

Illustrate! At the end of the book, Ted decides he should make a poster about fire safety. Make one yourself! Where would be some good places for your poster to hang so it could help people?

Act Out! Make a firefighting prop box. Use rain boots and rain coats, old vacuum hoses, face masks, plastic helmets, spray bottles, and plastic 2-liter bottles for oxygen tanks. Make pretend fires out of colorful felt or crumpled construction paper. If you play firefighter outside in warm weather, you can fill the spray bottles with real water! (Just don't spray the principal!)

* Firefighter Ted's Safety Tips *

Always:

- ★ Be smart about electricity.
 - ★ Turn off lights and TVs you aren't using.
 - ★ Don't play with electrical outlets.
 - ★ Don't cover lamps, cords, or plugs with blankets or furniture.
- ★ Be smart in the kitchen.
 - ★ Only cook with a grown-up.
 - ★ Stay far away from the oven and stove.
 - ★ If something plugs in, only use it with a grown up.
- ★ Never play with matches or lighters. **EVER!**



Be a Junior Fire Marshall:

- ★ Help grownups make sure every room in the house has a smoke detector that works. Check it every month.
- ★ Make an escape plan with your family with **two ways** to get out of each room in the house. Pick a safe spot **outside the house** where everyone can meet if they have to leave the house in an emergency.

If there's a fire:

- ★ If you smell smoke or hear a smoke detector, get out of the house and find a grownup to investigate.
- ★ If there's a fire in your house, get out fast!
 - ★ Don't open hot doors.
 - ★ Crawl on your hands and knees to avoid the smoke.
 - ★ Go to your **family safe spot**.
 - ★ Do not go back into the house!
 - ★ Call 911!

