

# A Rainy Day Surprise





*Dedicated to children everywhere...*

**To all whom you meet, be truthful and kind.  
Make the right choices, and good things you'll find!  
Love others and smile - let your best actions lead.  
Have fun, and have faith, and learn how to read!**

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**Bob and Brad are in the same class. Each day, Brad greets Bob at the flag pole at school.**



**The flag pole is near the school. A red, white and blue flag is at the top of the pole. There is a lot of fresh green grass at the base of the pole.**



Today, it rains and rains. Brad will get wet as he waits for Bob.



Look! Bob comes with a surprise for Brad. Bob has a frog in a box! Brad will like the frog.



**Brad pets the frog, but can not take the frog to class. That is clear. Bob will set the frog free. The frog grins at Bob and Brad. The frog will like the rain.**



**Bob and Brad wave as the frog flees.  
“Bye, bye!” they yell to the frog.  
They are off to class in a flash.**



The rain feels wet and fresh on the frog's green flesh. The frog hops to the creek. Clip, clop!



Tomorrow, Bob and Brad will meet again at the flag pole. Brad will bring a surprise for Bob. What will it be?

Conversation Station  
A Place to Talk and Smile

**Comprehension (discussion with reader)**

1. Where do Bob and Brad meet one another each day at school?
2. What kind of a surprise is in Bob's box?
3. Why do Brad and Bob decide to set the frog free?
4. Where does the frog go after it is set free?
5. Can you tell this story again, using your own words?

**Conversation Time**

1. Do you think frogs like rainy days? Why?
2. What do you do on rainy days?
3. Do you like hot, sunny days? Why?
4. "Rainy", "snowy", "cloudy" and "sunny" are some of the words used to describe different kinds of weather. Listen to "The Weather Song". Here are some other words often used to describe weather conditions:

windy	cold	dry
drizzly	hot	humid
thunder	stormy	lightning

5. What's the weather outside today where you live?

**Sequencing**

Draw a line to the numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story. Can you remember? (If you prefer, you can point to them.)

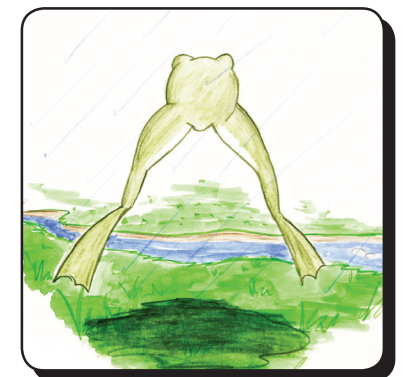


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