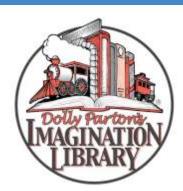


BOOK TITLE: Groundhog Gets a Say
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SUMMARY OF BOOK: A groundhog tells of his life cycle in a humorous yet informative manner. The groundhog's journey begins on "National Groundhog Day." Groundhog tells his journey in great detail with help from his friend Crow and his cousin Beaver.



*BEFORE READING (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

- 1. Why do you think everyone gets so excited on Groundhog Day?
- 2. Where are some places that groundhogs can live?
- 3. How is hibernating different from regular sleeping?
- 4. Tell me how long you think hibernating lasts?
- 5. Tell me what a groundhog looks like?

DURING READING (ask these questions):

- 1. The groundhog digs dirt. What are some other ways/objects you could use to move dirt?
- 2. If you could become a part of an animal

family, which family would you join? Why?

- 3. The groundhog eats insects and grass. Would you eat his food? Why or why not?
- **AFTER READING** (activity to extend book experience):
- 1. Create your own holiday banner.
- 2. Draw an underground map leading to an underground hibernation location.
- 3. Write questions that you would ask your favorite animal.

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