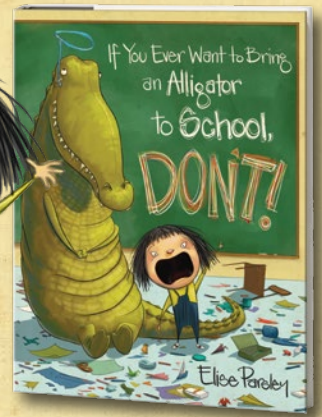


If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School, DON'T! Storytime Kit



IF YOU EVER WANT TO HOST A STORYTIME... DO!

Spunky heroine Magnolia has some really great ideas, even if they don't always turn out so well. However these ideas below promise some fantastic Magnolia and Alligator fun for your storytime!

Nametags

Magnolia gets her name written on the board each time the alligator gets into trouble. But her locker is clearly a work of art, complete with a spiffy nametag! Have kids create their own nametags, decorated with alligators, funny pictures, or whatever they like best. They can use their nametags at storytime, and then they can put it in their room, in a cubby or locker at school, or even on their desk.

Show and Tell

Magnolia thinks she has the BEST show and tell for her classroom, even if her teacher thinks alligators are trouble. What other crazy show and tell items can you think of? Have readers bring in items and host your own show and tell OR have each child say what they would bring if they could bring anything in the world. Alligators are great at funny pictures, so kids can also draw a silly picture of their imaginary item.

Magnolia Says DON'T!

This is the traditional "Simon Says" game—with a twist! Magnolia has a few words of wisdom after her brilliant show and tell plans go awry. Play Simon Says as usual, but use Magnolia in place of Simon, (i.e. "Magnolia says jump up and down! Magnolia says put your hands on your head!" Instead of leaving out "Magnolia" when trying to trick the crowd, insert a DON'T! Anyone that still does the assigned action is out!)

Origami

Alligators are really good at origami. Using bright construction paper, see what creations you can make with origami! Search in the library or online for instructions on how to make everything from paper hats to boats to swans—to maybe even alligators! And the best of all? Paper airplanes (just don't use them during storytime!).

Scaley Scares!

Think you can scare away an alligator better than Magnolia? Encourage storytime attendees to sharpen their claws, polish their teeth, and work on their scariest yells—and have an alligator scaring contest!



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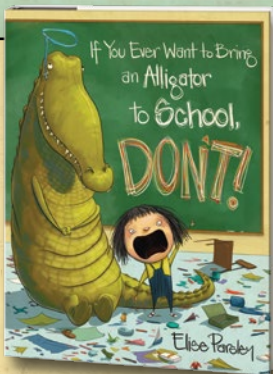


Matching Game

Can you match the correct word to the picture it describes?
Draw a line connecting the words to the corresponding items
on the notebook paper.



ALLIGATOR
CHALKBOARD
MAGNOLIA
PAPER AIRPLANE



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Paper Airplane

With a piece of paper and a few simple folds you can create your own airplane, just like Alligator! Note to self: DON'T throw these paper airplanes during class or storytime. But they can be super fun to throw across an empty room or outside! See how far you can make your paper airplane fly!

- 1) Fold a sheet of paper exactly in half long-ways, and re-open it so you have a crease separating the two halves. On one end of the paper, fold each corner in towards the center to the point where the inside edges are even with the centerline crease.
- 2) Fold the outer corners into the center crease.
- 3) Make a "mountain fold" where the two halves are folded back against each other.
- 4) Fold the "wings" down and square off as shown.
- 5) Let it fly (avoiding all teachers!).

