
Jim Aylesworth

Author ♦ Teacher ♦ Lecturer

For twenty-five years Jim Aylesworth taught first grade students. During those years he read hundreds of books to his students. Among his favorite authors was Dr. Seuss and Beatrix Potter. Now he writes books and is the favorite author of many other students. Glen Rounds illustrated Aylesworth's first book *Hush Up!* Rounds also illustrated *Hanna's Hog* and *Shenandoah Noah*. More recently Aylesworth has written: ***Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Tale of Tricky Fox, and The Naughty Monkeys.*** Several other illustrators have illustrated other titles that Aylesworth has written. You can find out more about Jim Aylesworth by visiting his website at:

<<http://www.ayles.com>>

Here are some things you might do before Jim Aylesworth visits your school:

1. Write him a letter to tell him about your class and school.
2. Make a welcome banner to put in the entry foyer on your school's author's day.
3. Make paper table tents for the lunchroom cafeteria tables advertising books by Jim Aylesworth. Put them on the lunchroom tables for 2-4 weeks before the author's visit. Establish a committee to put the tents on lunchroom tables (and to remove them) each day.
4. Make a booklet with a page about the school and other pages about each classroom. If you send the book to him before he came to your school he would know more about what you have been doing to get ready for his visit.

<p>Send the letter or booklet to: Jim Aylesworth 55 West Delaware Place, No. 407 Chicago, IL 60610</p>
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5. Make a welcome banner to put in the entry foyer on your school's author's day.
 6. Make displays showing your favorite books – perhaps a bike display highlighting *My Sister's Rusty Bike* or a teddy bear display in response to *Teddy Bear Tears*.
 7. Read other books – you will find suggestions for extending the experience with seventeen of his books on this webpage -- <http://www.ayles.com/classroom.html>.
 - ❑ *Aunt Pitty Patty's Piggy*. Illustrated by Barbara McClintock. Scholastic, 1999.
 - ❑ *The Burger and the Hot Dog*. Illustrated by Stephen Gammell. Atheneum, 2002.
 - ❑ *The Completed Hickory Dickory Dock*. Illustrated by Eileen Christelow. Atheneum, 1990.
 - ❑ *Country Crossing*. Illustrated by Ted Rand. Atheneum, 1991.
 - ❑ *The Folks in the Valley*. Illustrated by Stefano Vitale. HarperCollins, 1991.
 - ❑ *The Full Belly Bowl*. Illustrated by Wendy Anderson Halperin. Atheneum, 1999.
 - ❑ *The Gingerbread Man*. Illustrated by Barbara McClintock. Scholastic Press, 1998.
 - ❑ *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Illustrated by Barbara McClintock. Scholastic, 2003.
 - ❑ *Jim Aylesworth's Book of Bedtime Stories*. Illustrated by JoEllen McAllister-Stammen, Walter Lyon Krudop, and Eileen Christelow. Atheneum, 1998.
 - ❑ *McGraw's Emporium*. Illustrated by Mavis Smith. Henry Holt, 1995.
 - ❑ *My Sister's Rusty Bike*. Illustrated by Richard Hull. Atheneum, 1996.
 - ❑ *My Son John*. Illustrated by David Frampton. Henry Holt, 1994.
 - ❑ *Naughty Little Monkeys*. Illustrated by Henry Cole. Dutton, 2003.
 - ❑ *Old Black Fly*. Illustrated by Stephen Gammell. Henry Holt, 1992.
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- *Teddy Bear Tears*. Illustrated by JoEllen McAllister-Stammen. Atheneum, 1997.
 - *The Tale of Tricky Fox*. Illustrated by Barbara McClintock. Scholastic Press, 2001.
 - *Through The Night*. Illustrated by Pamela Patrick. Atheneum, 1998.
8. Find books by Jim Aylesworth in your school or public library. (Look in the "E" Everybody book section on the "A" shelves for books by **Aylesworth**.)
 9. Make video advertisements for favorite books by Jim Aylesworth. Use the third section (booktalk section) of the IPT Reading Rainbow videos as prototypes for your booktalks.
 10. Have a "Read-In Day" – Invite a special person to the classroom and ask them to read their favorite Jim Aylesworth book to a small group or individuals. Invite a reader to visit each day at a specific time. Put the Aylesworth books in a reading basket and ask the reader to select from that basket. OR invite several readers to come throughout one special day.
 11. Create a crossword puzzle – go to <http://www.edhelper.com/crossword.htm> for a program that makes creating a crossword puzzle very easy. Another site to try is: <http://puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com/>
 12. Solve a crossword puzzle – Jim Aylesworth & His Books.
 13. Go to Jim Aylesworth's website and choose one activity to share for each of his books. Read the book then enjoy the response or more reading. <http://www.ayles.com>
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