The Web Files
by Margie Palatini • illustrated by Richard Egielski

THE WEB FILES is a funny, punny, parody of Dragnet on the farm. This barnyard caper mixes references of familiar nursery rhyme characters with classic movie dialogue, song lyrics and silly tongue twisters.

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“... a stylized treat.” BOOKLIST, BOXED REVIEW
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“The best barnyard adventure since Old MacDonald took inventory.” THE HORN BOOK MAGAZINE

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STUDY GUIDE & ACTIVITIES

SEQUENCE

THE WEB FILES is filled with silly puns and double meanings. How many can your students IDENTIFY -- and what do they mean?

WORD PLAY

Enhance LOGICAL and CRITICAL THINKING by playing “Ducktective”.

CRITICAL THINKING

Have each student select a character from one of Margie’s many books. Take turns ‘interrogating’ one another with a ‘TWENTY QUESTIONS’ format to figure out which character their classmate is pretending to be.

PARODY

Discuss parodies and spoofs. Review the original nursery rhymes and the characters appearing in THE WEB FILES. Use a VENN DIAGRAM to make COMPARISONS. In what other books has the author used ‘spoofs’?

TONGUE TWISTERS

Check out the DRAGNET video on Margie’s website.
Link to RESOURCES on Margie’s website: www.margiepalatini.com

HOMOPHONES PUN FUN

What makes them difficult to say? What is ALLITERATION? CONSONANCE? Check out this fun site for more info on tongue twisters:
http://www.americanfolklore.net/tonguetwisters.html

CREATIVE DRAMATICS

Have students WRITE their own humorous riddles and puns using homophones.

example Q: What did the shovel say to the bucket? A: You look PAIL.
For a list of homophones, link to: http://www.kidsandlearning.com/Homonyms.html

THE WEB FILES is an ideal vehicle to get the entire class involved in creative dramatics! Margie’s Reader’s Theater Script assists even your youngest reader/actor with their FLUENCY, INFERENCE, INFLECTION and CHARACTERIZATION.

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