

Danny Delivers- January 2012

Welcome to the New Year! The snow is finally falling around Danny's farm and he has been licking the snowflakes off his nose and romping with his friends. Danny enjoyed the holidays and a fun-filled vacation.

Danny's friends enjoyed their vacations as well, but now it's time to get back to school and learn more about reading and writing.

January is a great time to take stock of what young readers have learned about reading through writing. One idea is to ask them to write about something they did over their vacation. Another is to provide lots of opportunities to reread books that were favorites before they left for vacation (Danny books are always fun for rereading). Have them write something about their favorite story or write a sequel to that story.

What do you notice about their writing? Is the story meaningful and written in a logical order? Are they able to easily put their thoughts into words? Do they write easy high frequency words quickly? Are they able to write unfamiliar words using sound-symbol correspondence? What kinds of punctuation do they have under control?

Taking stock of what young children can write will inform us about what they know and understand about reading. Enjoy having little conversations with them to learn more about what they understand and about reading and writing.

Check out the Danny collection of books for high quality text that support young children as they learn about reading and writing.