

It's Only Stanley
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Activities

Word work:

Identify the rhymes and generate additional possibilities.

Illustrations:

- Enjoy the details. What objects do you recognize?
- Do you notice any details that foreshadow what is to come?
- What do you notice about the cat?

Text to text connections:

Compare and contrast this book with *The Night I Followed the Dog*, by Nina Laden.

Writer's craft:

- Go back to the initial illustration and the title page (which you might have breezed past). See how it ties to the end.
- Examine how "stanzas" are broken and finished on the next page.

Writing:

Think of a dog you know. Write a story about what it does in the middle of the night.