



Activity Ideas

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Rodeo Time
Reading a Schedule
Level 3 Ages 7+

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Reading a schedule involves time-telling skills, a sense of elapsed time, and an ability to anticipate and plan.

It's rodeo time! Katie and Cameron want to see everything — the bronc riders, the barrel racers, the calf ropers, and more. They'll have to learn to make a schedule and stick to it or they'll miss out on the time of their lives! Illustrated by David T. Wenzel.

- In class, have each child draw up a schedule of what they do after school Monday through Friday. Do they stay after school for sports or band practice on certain days? If yes, which days and for how long? Do they attend an “after-school” program at a local community center? Or get together with friends to play, or do homework? . How long does it take to get home? When is dinnertime? Is there any TV-watching, or reading before bed? When is bedtime? And what time will the alarm clock ring in the morning?
- Plan to visit an amusement park, fair or a mall. Make a time schedule listing what you would like to see and do and how long each activity will take. Try creating a schedule for a special event such as a birthday party, or a vacation.
- Write up a list of things that need to be done: homework, guitar practice, preparing dinner, baking brownies, folding laundry, watching a favorite television show, playing with friends, or reading a book. Then draw up a schedule showing when those things will be done. Record how long each activity actually takes and then see how it matches up to the schedule.

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