Giraffes Can't Dance: Day at a Glance

Our goal is to make this a fun, engaging day of learning inspired by *Giraffes Can't Dance*! Use the schedule as a flexible guide rather than a strict timeline. Here are a few things to keep in mind as you plan your day – from must dos to recommended activities to fit your varied classroom and student needs:

- Keep your regular daily routines! Maintain your usual schedule for lunch, recess, specials, and any required instructional blocks. Adjust the suggested time frames to fit your classroom's schedule.
- Complete the mandatory activities of reading *Giraffes Can't Dance* and answering the Read Aloud, Think Aloud comprehension questions. These are the activities we would like all classrooms to experience together as part of our shared *Giraffes Can't Dance* day.
- Choose from the optional activities. You do not need to complete every activity listed! Choose the options that best fit your available time, materials, and students' needs. When a section offers multiple choices, select the activity that works best for your class.
- Follow your students' interests! If your students are especially excited about an activity, feel free to spend a little extra time exploring it. If something isn't a good fit for your class, choose another option from that section.
- Be flexible and have fun! The time frames are suggestions, not strict limits. Make adjustments as needed, and don't feel pressured to squeeze everything in. The goal is to create meaningful learning experiences while celebrating the story's message of finding your own rhythm.
- Here is our Day at a Glance Slides Presentation for you to adjust. Make a copy – keep the slides you'd like to use, delete the ones you don't.

Most importantly, enjoy the day, embrace the theme, and let your students' creativity shine!

MORNING MEETING: 20-30 minutes

- Click to Watch the *S.A.M. I Am*, Stories & Music Trailer
- Morning Work Writing Prompt (*What is something you're good at?*)
- Would You Rather: Animal Edition

READING: 45-60 minutes

Must Do

- Read the story *Giraffes Can't Dance*
- *Read Aloud, Think Aloud* (Before, During, After Read Aloud Comprehension Questions)

May Do

- Reader's Theater
- Nonfiction Reading with Text Feature Scavenger Hunt

SCIENCE: 25-35 minutes

- Life Cycles Research Project

WRITING: 30-45 minutes

- Word Detective (Choose one option)
- Friendly Letter to Gerald
- *What Makes Me Special* Writing Prompt
- Poetry

MATH: 30-40 minutes

- Favorite Dance Graph
- Animal Math - Comparing Numbers

STEAM: 40-60 minutes

- STEM Challenge: Recycled Giraffe
- Giraffe Directed Draw
- Get to Know the Brass Instruments