

## Teaching Focus:

### Vocabulary - Synonyms

Synonyms are words that have the same meaning. Have students read the "Words to Know Before You Read" and see if they can think of another word that means the same thing, or is a synonym.

## Tips for Reading this Book with Children:

1. Read the title and make predictions about the story.

*Predictions – after reading the title have students make predictions about the book.*

2. Take a book walk.

*Talk about the pictures in the book. Implant the vocabulary as you take the picture walk.*

*Have children find one or two words they know as they do a picture walk.*

3. Have students read the 1st page of text with you.

4. Have students read the remaining text aloud.

5. Strategy Talk – use to assist students while reading.

- Get your mouth ready
- Look at the picture
- Think...does it make sense
- Think...does it look right
- Think...does it sound right
- Chunk it – by looking for a part you know

6. Read it again.

7. Complete the activities at the end of the book.

Blue Reader



At last it was time for the race. All the animals stood in a row behind the starting line. "Ready, set, race!" yelled Oswald Owl.





Freddy Fox leaped ahead. After awhile, his stomach began to hurt from all that ice cream. Bella Bear lumbered past him.



# After Reading Activities

## You and the Story...

What did Freddy Fox do to prepare for the race?

What did the rest of the animals do to prepare for the race?

What would you do to prepare for a big race?

## Words You Know Now...

Choose three of the words below and write them on a piece of paper. Now write a definition in your own words for each of the three words you chose.

bloated

mumbled

boast

prepare

celebrate

scamper

huff

stretching

lumber

trudge