

WHAT TIME IS IT, MR. CROCODILE?

Every evening Mr. Crocodile makes plans for the next day and every morning those five pesky monkeys ruin them. How is Mr. Crocodile going to be a better neighbor?

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What a fun and silly book! It seems like Mr. Crocodile likes to organize his daily schedule but no matter what he plans, his fun-loving monkey neighbors have other plans! If you have a schedule at your house, talk about how your day may include some of same activities as Mr. Crocodile (page 2).

As you read each rhyming page, have your child think of some other words that may rhyme with the featured word....dream/cream; attitude/food; moon/soon.

As you read about Mr. Crocodile and how frustrated he gets, remind your child that it may be a good idea if he “takes a step back” and thinks about why he’s feeling angry with the monkeys. By talking about the fact that it’s normal to get “mad” once in a while, we have to think about how we display our feelings. We never want to do something that may hurt someone else. Children have to learn how to manage anger, just like they learn how to hold a fork or spoon! Parenting.....isn’t it grand!