



**Title:** Ants & Their Nests

**Author:** Linda Tagliaferro

**Age Range:** 4-7

**Topics/Themes:** Ants

**See video of this book read aloud here:** [Ants and Their Nests](#)

**I. COMPONENTS OF BOOK (REVIEW EACH SESSION)**

- Author, Illustrator (roles of each)
- Title; front and back covers; spine

**II. INTRODUCTION (PREP QUESTIONS)**

- Model a think-aloud strategy with the students:
  - What is on the cover? What do you know about ants?
  - Where do you think the ant is on the cover?

**III. INTEGRATIVE STRATEGIES**

**a. During Reading:**

- Show students *Table of Contents* in the front of the book. Explain to them how it will help you locate certain topics in the book.
- Do you think this story will be fiction, a make-believe? Or, is the story non-fiction, true information that gives you facts to explain something?

**b. Post Reading:**

- Conduct a picture walk with the students, recalling the story.
- Have students choose something they found interesting in the Table of Contents in the front of the book and help them turn to the appropriate page to find it.
- Show students on each page the name of the ant pictured on the adjacent page.
- P. 22 Show students the glossary. Show students an example of how the glossary works:
  - P.10 “chamber” definition in back
- P.24 Show students the index. Explain to them what it is used for. Show them example.

**The Ants and the Grasshopper – Aesop’s Fables**

**I. INTRODUCTION (PREP QUESTIONS)**

- Use the picture to predict what the story is about.

- Explain to students that this story is a fable. A fable is a short story that usually is about animals and that is intended to teach a lesson.

#### IV. INTEGRATIVE STRATEGIES

##### a. **Post Reading:**

- Is the story fiction, a make-believe? Or, is the story non-fiction, true information that gives you facts to explain something? - How do you know?
- What was the lesson or moral of this fable? Why did the Ants not want to share their food with the Grasshopper?

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One bright day in late autumn a family of Ants were bustling about in the warm sunshine, drying out the grain they had stored up during the summer, when a starving Grasshopper, his fiddle under his arm, came up and humbly begged for a bite to eat.

"What!" cried the Ants in surprise, "haven't you stored anything away for the winter? What in the world were you doing all last summer?"

"I didn't have time to store up any food," whined the Grasshopper; "I was so busy making music that before I knew it the summer was gone."

The Ants shrugged their shoulders in disgust.

"Making music, were you?" they cried. "Very well; now dance!" And they turned their backs on the Grasshopper and went on with their work.

*There's a time for work and a time for play.*