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Story Time at Home

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WHILE You Are Reading with Your Child

The word catawampus means that something is not straight. Encourage your child to look for all of the words throughout the story that can mean the same thing as catawampus. These words include: askew, tilted, angle, slanty, leaning, off-kilter, and uneven.

As you read the story, have your child look closely at the pictures. Many of the pages contain a combination of hand-drawn and real-life pictures. Encourage your child to see if they can spot the differences!

AFTER Reading with Your Child

Catawampus Cat Day
You will need paper, pencil, and crayons or markers.

1. After reading the story, talk about how the Mayor decided to make a special "Catawampus Cat Day". This day was to honor the unique tilted cat.

2. Ask your child to think of ways they could promote "Catawampus Cat Day." Give the paper, pencil, and crayons to your child and encourage them to think of how they could design a poster to advertise this special day.

3. If your child struggles with ideas, suggest that they draw everything on an angle!

4. When finished, have your child share their poster and hang it up for all to see!

Our Busy Town
You will need paper, markers, glue and painter's tape.

1. After reading the story, show children the endsheet (the paper glued to the inside of the front and back covers). This is a map of the town. **What do they think the red dotted line is?** This is the path that the Catawampus Cat took through town.

2. Encourage your child to create their own town by drawing or cutting out different buildings found around your town. Glue the buildings to the paper.

3. Use the painter's tape to create the path they think the Catawampus Cat would take around their town.