

The Village School's Children's Book of the Month



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'A Fish Out Of Water'

by Kim Barry

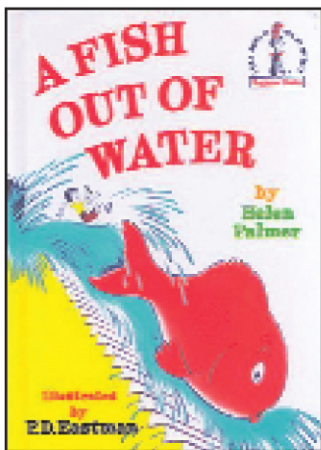
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One of the favorite books of the Village School Preschool is *A Fish Out of Water*, written by Helen Palmer Geisel and illustrated by P.D. Eastman. Whenever we read this book to the class, the preschoolers are mesmerized by the story with its bold, clear illustrations, and simple text. The children strongly empathize with the main character. The story begins when a boy buys a goldfish from Mr. Carp (!) at the pet store. Mr. Carp explains exactly how to feed the fish. "Never more than a spot or something may happen! You never know what."

So the boy tries to feed the fish, just a spot, but ends up feeding him the whole box. When his fish starts to grow right before his eyes, the boy has to think fast and move him to a bigger bowl, and continues to have to move him to increasingly larger containers until even the bath tub won't do.

The boy calls a policeman for help and the policeman calls the firemen. Finally the

boy calls Mr. Carp and admits his mistake. You'll have to read this book to your children or grandchildren to see how it ends. For us it's a fa-



vorite book about problem solving, knowing when to ask for help, admitting one's mistakes and learning from them. The children ask to have this read to them over and over again.

This is also a beginning reader's book, suitable for 7-8 year olds to read themselves.

You can find the book at Bruce's Browser, in uptown Athol.