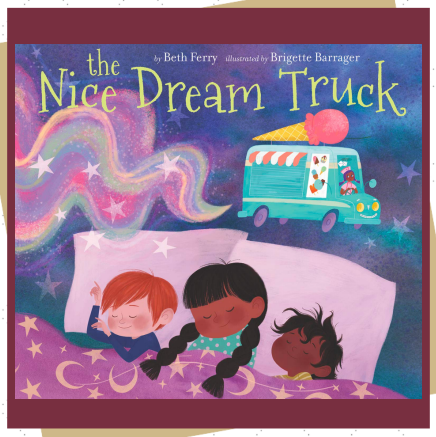

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The Nice Dream Truck by Beth Ferry

Book Summary

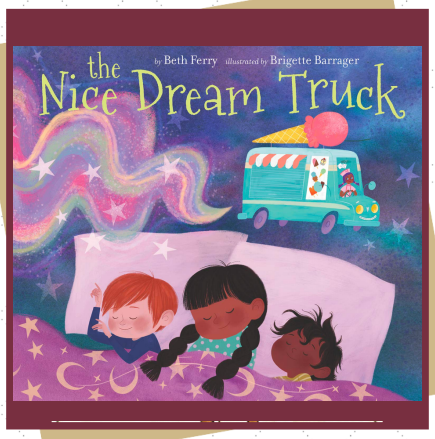
Three youngsters are nestled into a single bed and set off on their own spectacular journey, when the Nice Dream Truck comes with a "lady with stars in her eyes," delivering a plethora of dreams to scoop up like ice cream and enjoy all night long.

Before Reading the Story

- Discuss what you see on the cover of the book.
- Make predictions on what the story may be about.
- Discuss ways to fall asleep at night: count sheep, read a book, etc.
- When is the last time you had a dream? Do you remember what it was about?
- Let's flip through of the pages of the book and see all of the places the Nice Dream Truck goes.

Target Vocabulary

- **Wonder**: something or someone that is very surprising, beautiful, amazing, etc.
- **Satisfy**: to cause (someone) to be happy or pleased
- **Hefty**: large and heavy
- **Standing ovation**: when the people at a play, speech, sporting event, etc., stand up and applaud to show enthusiastic approval or appreciation
- **Supreme**: highest in degree or quality: greatest or highest possible
- **Moonbeams**: a ray of light from the moon: a beam of moonlight



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During the Story

- Read the book aloud with the pictures facing your child.
- Make predictions about the story based on the pictures.
- Provide definitions and connections for any of the target vocabulary words that may be unfamiliar.
- Have your child repeat the words that they do not know.
- Relate the details in the story to events and experiences in your everyday life.
- Ask questions throughout the story to help your child understand what's being read.

After Reading the Story

- Have your child retell the story in their own words using the pictures.
- List three ways the nice dream truck came to visit the children.
- Discuss the play on words with "nice dream truck" being used in the story.
- This book mentions big dreams and small dreams. Let's discuss the difference between these two.
- The nice dream truck visits princesses and work place heroes, what job would the child want to be one day?

Example Questions to Ask

- The Nice Dream Truck is driven by a girl with what in her eyes?
- How many toppings does the Nice Dream Truck have for every dream?
- Why do you think there are endless ways to dream?
- Do you ever wonder how our brains dream at night?
- What is your bedtime routine at home?
- At home what are ways to snuggle up and prepare for the Nice Dream Truck visit?
- Have you ever daydreamed? Do you think the Nice Dream Truck comes to visit then?