Creepy Carrots

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ILLUSTRATOR: Peter Brown

PUBLISHER: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers
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ART MEDIUM: pencil on paper digitally composited and colored
GENRE: Mystery/Suspense, Humorous Stories

LIFE SKILLS: Initiative, Problem Solving, Resourcefulness

SYNOPSIS: Jasper Rabbit enjoys carrots, and always would stop by on his way to and from school to pick a few from Crackenhopper field. Then, the carrots started following him. Jasper must figure out what to do, he loves to eat the carrots, but how can he take care of the carrots creeping around behind him.

BOOKTALK: Do you like carrots? Well, Jasper Rabbit does, and he will do anything to get some. But, one day, after picking carrots in Crackenhopper field, the carrots started following him home! Will Jasper be able to survive the carrot attack? Read and find out!

AUTHOR:
Author’s Name: Aaron Reynolds

Born in 1970, Aaron Reynolds is the author of several picture books and graphic novels. He graduated from Illinois Wesleyan College with a degree in Theatre. He currently lives in Chicago with his wife and children. He received the Caldecott Honor Award in 2013 for his picture book, Creepy Carrots.

Other books written by the author:
List books in alphabetical order
Back of the Bus
Big Hairy Drama
Buffalo Wings
Carnivores
Chicks and Salsa
Dung Beetle Bandits
Fortune Cookies of Weevil
Insect Ninja
Joey Fly Private Eye in Creepy Crawly Crime
King Pow Chicken
Metal Man
The Pest Show on Earth
Pirates vs. Cowboys
Snowbots
Superhero School
Tale of the Poisonous Yuck Bugs
Tiger Moth and the Dragon Kite Contest

ILLUSTRATOR:
Illustrator’s Name: Peter Brown

Peter Brown grew up in New Jersey and attended Art Center College of Design. He lives in Brooklyn, New York. He wrote his first book at age 6 when his dog Buffy ran away. He continued writing during high school and moved to California to attended the Art Center College studying Illustration. He returned to the east coast following college to be around the publishing industry.

His awards include:
2013 Caldecott Honor award for Creepy Carrots
2010 E.B. White award winner for Curious Garden

Other books illustrated by the illustrator:
Children make Terrible Pets
The Curious Garden
You Will Be My Friend

CHALLENGING WORDS (...due to pronunciation, spelling and/or defining):
passion, sinister, creeping, imagination, approached, creepy, shed, thumped, hatched, cheered, yanked, league, victory, imagination, whipped, arrived, screamed, closet, drawers, wrong, shadows

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
1. What would you do if carrots started chasing you?
2. Carrots grow under the ground. What else grows under the ground?
3. Jasper Rabbit is afraid of carrots chasing him. What are you afraid of?
4. What is your favorite vegetable?
5. Why does Jasper think the carrots are following him?
6. Why do you think the carrots started following Jasper Rabbit?

ACTIVITIES with CORE STANDARDS:
Language Arts:
Now that Jasper Rabbit is no longer eating carrots from Crackenhopper Field, what vegetable will he be eating next, and what kind of trouble could he get into? Have students brainstorm using the Story Map Graphic Organizer http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/pdf/storymap1_eng.pdf and use their ideas to create a new Jasper Rabbit story.

To add to students knowledge about rabbits have them do research on their habitat
and characteristics.
Fun Bunny Rabbit Facts for Kids

W.1.3 Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure.
W.1.5 With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed

Mathematics:

Bring in carrots. Have the students measure carrots. See which carrot is the longest, widest, and heaviest.

MA.2.5.1 2000
Measure and estimate the length to the nearest inch, foot, yard, centimeter, and meter.

MA.2.5.6 2000
Estimate weight and use a given object to measure the weight of other objects

Science:
Plant a carrot outside. Record how it grows and changes.

Social Studies:
Social Studies activities, include Core Standards

Others:
Make a chant of Creepy Carrots. One side says “Creepy Carrots” The other side goes “Thunk, thunk, Thunk”

MU.2.2.1 2007
Echo melodic and rhythmic patterns Mathematics: