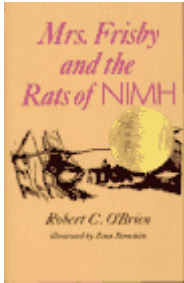


Bookfolio for: **Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh**



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Genre: [Fantasy](#)

Story Summary: The Frisbys, a family of field mice, have lived comfortably in the Fitzgibbon's garden all winter. Moving day is approaching earlier than usual, but Mrs. Frisby's son Timothy, ill with pneumonia, cannot be moved. The solution to the problem rests in the hands of Mrs. Frisby and the rats of NIMH who reside in the rosebush near the Fitzgibbon's farmhouse following their escape from the laboratories of NIMH. The rats of NIMH are different from other rats, having been given steroid injections which had been made possible through the assistance of Mrs. Frisby's husband, Jonathan, prior to their escape. The injections raised their intelligence so that they were able to open their own cages and plan their survival. Now with the rats' help, Mrs. Frisby's home is moved safely to the shelter of the "lee of the stone." Timothy's recovery is assured, but a new threat faces the rats of NIMH who, with the help of Mrs. Frisby, once again escape the clutches of the scientists of NIMH. The rats begin their carefully planned new agricultural society within the safety of Thorn Valley, never to steal again.

Read-aloud Recommendation: "In the Library," pages 75-82.

The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations: R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh - Independent Activities	Skills ?
1. In and Out of Character (Analyzing character behavior)	W
2. Mrs. Frisby: A Real Heroine (Defining a heroine)	W
3. Another Epilogue (Creating an epilogue)	S , W
4. A Birds-eye View (Drawing a setting)	D
5. The Nature of Rats (Researching rat behavior)	R , S , W
6. A Plan of Action (Planning a garden)	R , W
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh - Group Activities	Skills ?
1. Behind the Story (Discussing deeper meanings)	S
2. In Collaboration (Planning a story)	S , W
3. Readers Theatre (Dramatizing a scene)	D , S
4. Rats on Trial (Defending rats)	S
5. Real Rats, etc. (Researching a topic)	R , S , W
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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