After reading *Follow The Line To School* by Laura Ljungkvist, I realized that I would not be able to share the book with my entire kindergarten class, so I used it with small groups of children. My students come from various backgrounds, and they want to be actively involved in my instruction. When I shared this book, they all wanted to provide the answers that the author poses in her story. This showed their enthusiasm for the story and its illustrations, but it also convinced me that the book cannot be used easily in a large group setting.

Because the book’s format allows for various approaches, I shared the book with different groups in different ways. When I began sharing the book, I asked one of my groups what they really thought about this book’s appeal. One student said he thought it looked boring, but another student said, “I would pick this book because I like school.” Clearly, the title and its illustrative style will bring a variety of responses from young learners. Perhaps this is a book that will best appeal to children who have been exposed to lots of picture books.

I had a hard time involving my lower group with this book. It was hard to do a picture walk with them because they found it hard to predict what might happen next. They wanted to talk a lot about the book, and they had a hard time taking turns, so perhaps
they enjoyed the story even though they could not anticipate what might happen next.

   My top learning group really enjoyed sharing *Follow the Line to School*. As we shared
the book, they added their own ideas and extended the questions that the author had
presented. They are most comfortable in a learning setting, and they seemed to have a
deeper appreciation for the book.

   In the end, I wonder if this book is best used with only one or two students at a time.
The questions will encourage their responses, and they will not have to compete as they
interpret the illustrations and the story. I believe that children might pick the book up
again in their spare time since the illustrations contain lots of detail they might want to
explore on their own.

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