

Catchin' Cooties Consuelo
Teaching Overview K-5

Catchin' Cooties Consuelo is an excellent tool for developing literacy skills. While the story gives children a good dose of factual information on the common cold and the flu, it also demonstrates what happens when they try to avoid their responsibilities.

Literacy Topics:

Disease awareness and prevention
Responsibility

Related Themes:

Humor
Poetry

Vocabulary Development:

bonus
perks
quest
mustache
au gratin
hamper
tonsils
frequently

Words in Smartie

contaminate
influenza
virus
antibiotic
symptom
vaccine
dehydration
chronic

Spanish Key

Dame un beso, Senor Resfrio
(Give me a kiss, Mr. Cold!)
Donde esta, Senor Resfrio?
(Where are you, Mr. Cold?)
Di Ahhh
(Say Ahhh.)
Gato
(Cat)

Language Arts:

Poetry
Contractions
Punctuation
Quotations
Plurals
Parts of Speech
Capitalization
Foreign Language

Content Areas:

Health and Medicine
Science- Microbiology

Suggested Activities:

Write about a time someone in your family had the flu.

Invite a Health Care professional to speak to the class on the common cold and influenza.