Take Care, Good Knight
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The Story at a Glance

Take Care, Good Knight is a delightful story about three dragons, their friend Good Knight, Wizard and his many, many cats. Wizard comes by the three dragon's cave one day to ask for a favor. He needs someone to look after his cats. The dragons gladly agree to do the good deed. The wizard gives then a shiny silver key for his cottage and leaves a note there with the instructions for their care.

When the dragons try to "read" the drawings (because they can't read the print) they take the cats swimming, put them in the cupboard and go camping. The cats are thirsty, hungry and angry. Good Knight comes to the rescue and saves the day by reading the note and giving the dragons an ABC book!

Reading to Your Children

As you read the story to your children, remember longer stories can be read in one or more settings.

Take Care, Good Knight is such a funny exciting story it is easy to keep the children's attention. If you or your child select a book that is longer, either skip parts, break up the reading into sections, or if you are familiar with the story, retell the story in your own words using the pictures as clues.

Story Questions

1. Who are the characters in the story? the three dragons, Good Knight, wizard and the cats
2. Why didn't the dragons know what the note said? they could not read the note
3. Who read the note to the dragons? Good Knight
4. What was in the cupboard? the cat's food

RESOURCES

Rent a video about a dragon and watch it with your child. Talk about all of the words that are in the movie and in our book.