

## Sleepyhead Bear

### Writing Activities

1. Basketball players play with basketballs. Writers play with words. In Sleepyhead Bear, many of the words end in the "r" sound. I wrote it that way for fun because it was a story about a bear, a word that ends in the "r" sound.

Have your students think of more words that end in the "r" sound. They can add more adventures to the story. Hint: scare, shore, stare, door, wear.

2. Or have your students pick other animals and write about them. A dog, for example. Can your students write a story about a dog that uses words with the "d" sound or the "g" sound? Hint: dig, dug, drag, big. What effect does it have on the text to repeat these sounds?

### Field Trip

Bears walk. Everybody knows that. But I didn't know that bears could swim until I went camping and saw one swimming. It made me wonder if most animals move in more than one way.

Walk around the school's neighborhood with your students and try to find animals on the move. Have the students take notebooks and write down their observations, just like scientists do. They might see flies fly, but can they find a fly walking across a leaf? Squirrels run, but do they move in other ways? What about people (we are animals too!)? What are all the ways we move?