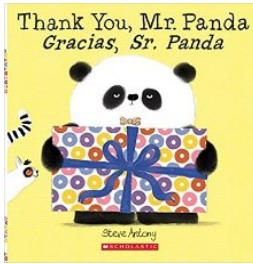


## Storytime Ideas



**Book Title:** *Thank You, Mr. Panda/Gracias, Sr. Panda*

**About the Book:** In *Thank You, Mr. Panda*, Mr. Panda is giving away presents to all his animal friends, including a mouse, an octopus, an elephant, and a lemur, but they aren't being very grateful about the gifts they receive.

### Storytime Activities:

#### Dress Up Fun!

Dress up with panda ears or another animal prop.

#### What's in the Mystery Bag?

Use your mystery bag to pull out pictures of animals (panda, lemur, mouse, octopus, elephant, mountain goat,) or a wrapped package.

#### Whiteboard Activities:

Share vocabulary words on the whiteboard. As you read, check off each animal that is written or shown on the board.

#### Actions & Transitions:

- **All About Emotions:** There are a lot of emotions expressed in the story. Practice showing the emotions of excited, grateful, disappointed, sad, hopeful.
- **Present Time:** Invite children to pretend they are opening a present. Use exaggerated motions to untie a ribbon, tear off wrapping paper and open a box.
- **Animal Antics:** Choose an animal and pretend you are that animal. Where does the animal live? What does it eat? What sounds does it make? How does it move?

#### Vocabulary:

- Panda, Lemur, Octopus, Elephant
- Mountain Goat, Mouse
- Present
- Open
- Long
- Short
- Friends
- Thought

