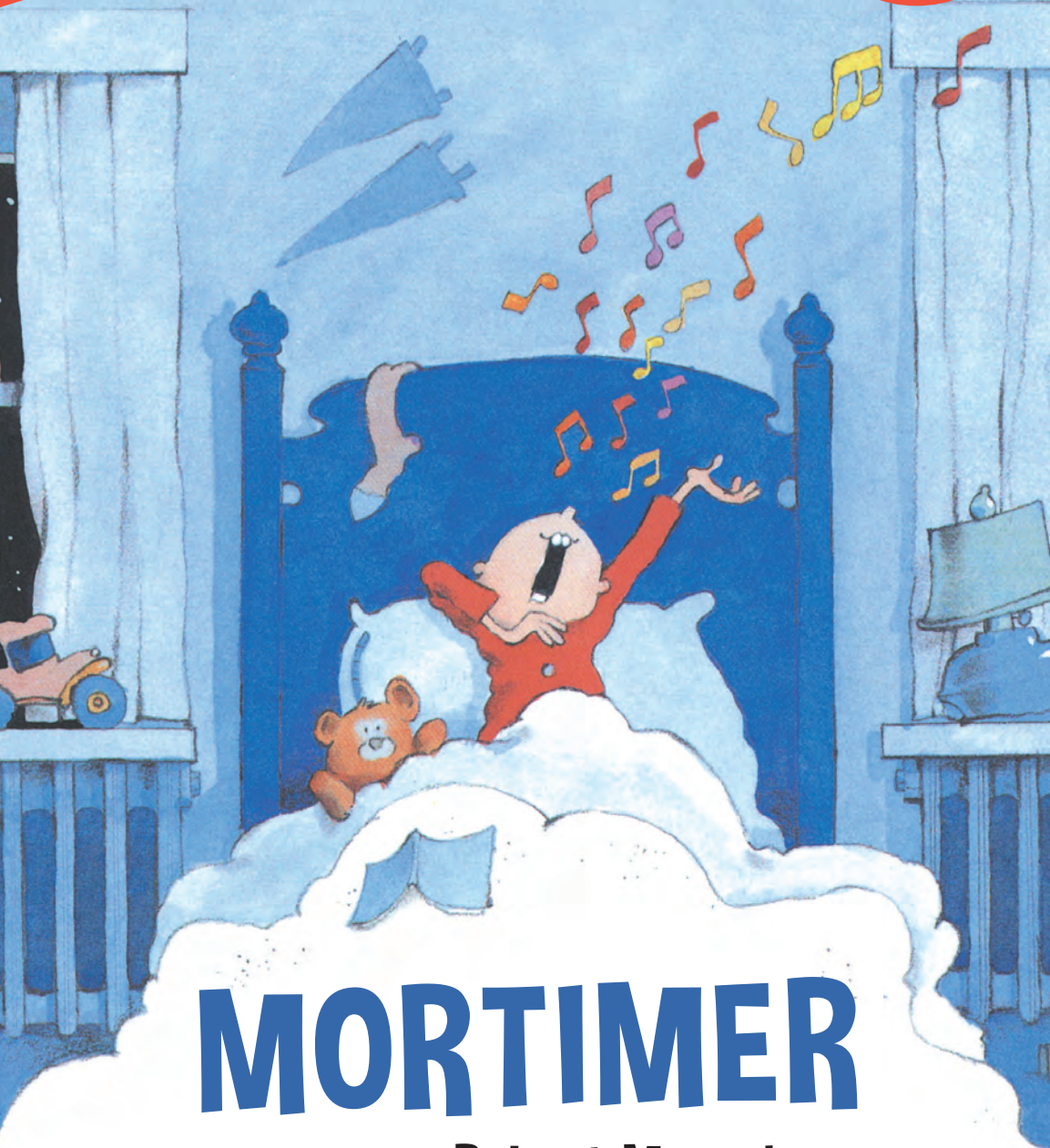


Munsch Early Readers

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READING BY MYSELF



# MORTIMER

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## A Note from **Robert Munsch**

A long, long, LONG time ago when I was in first grade, my class had 60 kids in it!

The teacher didn't read any books and neither did the kids. It was not fun.

Well, here is a book that is fun to read for both you and your grown-ups.

**READERS RULE!**

# Before Reading

## High-Frequency Words

Practice reading these high-frequency words in the story:

**sleep they very were**

## Meet the Characters

Get to know the characters from the story by looking at the pictures and names below:

**Mortimer**



**Mother**



**Father**



**Police Officers**



## Mortimer's Song

In the story, Mortimer sings the same song over and over again. Create a tune for this song and practice singing it before reading the story.

**Clang, clang, rattle bing bang,  
Gonna make my noise all day.  
Clang, clang, rattle bing bang,  
Gonna make my noise all day.**

## Rhyme Time

In Mortimer's song, two of the words rhyme: **clang** and **bang**. These words rhyme because they have the same ending (**-ang**). Create a list of new words that rhyme with bang (e.g., **fang** is a real word and **lang** is not, but both rhyme with **bang**).



# Phonics

There is a **M** sound at the beginning of the word **Mortimer**.

Can you make a **M** sound?

Pay close attention to the shape of your mouth as you make the sound. It might be helpful to make this sound while you look in a mirror to see the shape your mouth makes.

Try these different activities to help practice the letter **M** sound.

1. Take a close look around you and try to find three objects that start with the same sound.
2. Think of three other words that also start with the same sound. As an extra challenge, can you think of any words that end with a **M** sound?

3. A simple word that has the **M** sound at the beginning is the word **mess**. As you read this word, pay attention to the two other letter sounds in the word.

4. When two words rhyme, they have the same sounds at the end of the word. Take a look at the pictures below and point to any of the words that rhyme with **mess**.



**dress**



**chess**



**monkey**

5. While you read, look out for other **M** sounds at the beginning of a word throughout the story. You can see the sound easily because it will be written in a different **color**.