

A Happy Summer Day



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Summary

Leanne is an Inupiaq girl who lives in Alaska. She does many things with her family on one summer day.

Skills at a Glance

Comprehension

- Identify sequence of events

Metacognitive Strategy

- Make, revise, and confirm predictions

Phonemic Awareness

- Manipulate initial sounds (day)

Phonics

- Divide words into syllables (berries,

happy summer village)

Concept Vocabulary

- Adjectives (busy, day, good, many,

Grammar/Word Study

- Inflectional ending - ing (chirping,

drying, fishing, pointing)

Genre

- Realistic fiction

*Numerals are not included in

the word count for this book.

Early Connections

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What do you think Leanne and her sisters are doing?



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○ Leanne's sleepy eyes opened to the sound of birds chirping.

○ Summer in northern Alaska was like that.

It was just six o'clock, but the sun had been up for many hours.



Leanne and her family had a busy day ahead of them. They were always busy in the summer.

Summer is when they came to this camp. Here they fished and hunted. They picked berries, too.

Many people in Leanne's village did the same thing. They were all Inupiaq Eskimos.



“I'd like to pick berries today,”
Leanne told her mother.

“That's a good idea, but don't forget
your jacket,” said her mom. Even
in the summer, it was chilly outside.



Leanne went back to the same place
she picked berries last year.

Once again, there were sweet blueberries
to be picked.



When Leanne came back to camp, her mom had a job for her. "Let's get these ready for drying," she said, pointing to a bucket of fish.

Leanne's father and older brothers had just gone fishing.



"I want to help, too," said Leanne's big sister Helen.

Both girls helped with the fish.



They put the fish side by side on a big rack.

"These will dry nicely," said Leanne's mother.

"When can we eat them?" asked Leanne.

"When winter comes and we stay inside a lot," said her mom.



The talk of winter reminded the girls of snow and cold winds.

Leanne remembered the polar bear who came to their village.

“Let's play the polar bear game!” shouted Leanne. It was a lot like hide-and-seek.

“That sounds fun,” said her brothers and sisters.



○ At dinnertime, everyone was hungry.

Leanne ate a big bowl of caribou stew.
It was her favorite.

With food in her tummy, she was ready
to go out again.



○ Leanne and her sisters looked for
stones at the beach. Then they sat
and told stories. Hours passed and
it did not get dark outside. Summer
in northern Alaska was like that.



Leanne went to bed after a long day of fun and work.

She went to sleep, thinking about tomorrow. It would be another happy summer day.



What are some of the activities that Leanne does?



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Leanne lives in Alaska, where the summer days are long. What will she do all day? Read this book to find out.

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[The Great Green Forest \(1/16\)](#)

[The Inupiaq Live Here \(1/16\)](#)

[Peaches All the Time \(1/16\)](#)

[A Throne for the King \(1/16\)](#)

