

MY HALF DAY

TEACHING GUIDE

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Before reading, show the book's cover

Name the items on the cover.

Is there a new person who was not in *One Odd Day* and *My Even Day*?

What is an alien?

What is outside the round window?

What does a measuring cup measure?

What does "half" mean? Does it have a meaning in math class?

READ THE TEXT

Language Arts Suggestions

What is unusual about the boy's hair?

What is the name of his friend?

Where are they going?

What are they riding in? Who is also going with them?

What is archery? What do equipment do you need?

Mars is in our galaxy. What is the name of our galaxy?

How would it feel to ride in a rocket ship? Would you do it? Why or why not?

What's different about the boy when he wakes up and looks in the mirror?

How does his dad look?

Math Suggestions

What kind of numbers are in this book?

What is a numerator? What is a denominator?

What is the number on the back of Donna's Camp Fraction shirt?

What fraction would you want on the back of your shirt? Why?

What is the name of the boat they row in the water?

Four-ninths of the outer space team came from Mars. How many total players were from Mars?

What is odd about Miss Dodd in this book?

How much of a cherry pie would you like to eat?

What would the next book be about?

Science Suggestions

How does cactus live in the desert when other plants can't?

How do you shoot an arrow?

What is the name of a big round leaf on a water lily?

Has anyone visited Earth from Mars?

Do you play soccer? How do you move the ball?

How does a campfire cook a marshmallow? Do you like to eat marshmallows?

Comets are sometimes visible in the nighttime sky. Have you ever seen one?

Art Suggestions

Draw what your dad would cook for breakfast.

Design a Camp Fraction tee shirt.

Make a soccer team of aliens out of clay.

Paint what you would see from a spaceship window.