**Groovy Joe:**
**Ice Cream and Dinosaurs**

**Run Time:** 6:15  
**Author:** Eric Litwin  
**Illustrator:** Tom Lichtenheld  
**Narrator:** Eric Litwin  
**Ages:** 4-5  
**Guided Reading Level:** I  
PreK – K; AD330L  
**Genre**  
Fiction  

**Text Structure**  
Third person narrative with rhyming

**Content**  
Excellent book to teach/practice prediction, rhyme, synonyms, and interactive read alouds

**Themes and Ideas**  
Sharing

**Language and Literary Features**  
Third person narrative, rhyming, singing

**Sentence Complexity**  
Simple sentences with a few compound sentences

**Vocabulary**  
Rhyming words and synonyms

**Illustrations**  
Cartoon-like drawings

**Book and Print Features**  
Illustrations on every page. Some words are printed differently to emphasize meaning and expression.

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**Summary**

Groovy Joe was living the dream. He had a spoon and tub of doggy ice cream. Come move, groove and sing along to this far-out story full of ice cream, dinosaurs, and one groovy dog! Learn about how awesome sharing can be, with this silly song-filled story! Kids will love to sing along to the music, as Groovy Joe rocks out with his dinosaur friends.
Activity Ideas

- Bring an empty container of ice cream or your favorite dessert. Share with them why you think it's yummy. Ask children to draw a picture of something they think is yummy in their tummy using the attached activity page. Share the pictures.

- Write a song together as a class about what your students think is yummy. This could be a great cross curriculum idea with music!

- Groovy Joe is a good book to use to teach/illustrate rhyming.
  - Ask children to listen for rhyming words as they listen to the book.
  - Print and assemble the attached Rhyming Dice. Ask children to roll the dice and then say a word that rhymes. If it lands on the star side, you can say a "wild card" word for them to rhyme, or ask them to say a word for YOU to try and rhyme.
  - Print and cut out the attached Rhyming Cards for a matching game.

- Attached, you’ll find a synonym chart that can be used to teach that sometimes there can be many creative ways to say the same thing.
Parent Connection

Today our class read *Groovy Joe: Ice Cream and Dinosaurs* on Vooks. Groovy Joe was living the dream: he had a spoon and tub of doggy ice cream. Presented in a silly song-filled story, Groovy Joe shows how awesome sharing can be. Kids sing along to the music, as Groovy Joe rocks out with his dinosaur friends.

Talking points

Please help your child answer the following questions. Name:________________________

What is Groovy Joe about?
(They may want to show you the song and dance)

___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________

What do you think is yummy?

___________________________________________________________________________

What have you shared with someone? How does sharing make you feel?

___________________________________________________________________________

What are some rhyming words?

___________________________________        ____________________________________
___________________________________        ____________________________________

Did you learn any new words from *Groovy Joe*?

___________________________________________________________________________
Draw a picture of something you think is yummy in your tummy.

I think _____________________________ is yummy in my tummy.
Draw yourself sharing something with someone.

I’m sharing ___________________________ with __________________________.
### Synonym Chart

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### Rhyming Cards

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Rhyming Dice

- Chair
- Spoon
- Dance
- Sing
- Big