



Title: *Where's Rodney?*

Author: Carmen Bogan

Illustrator: Floyd Cooper

Genre/Text Type: Realistic Fiction

Theme/Idea:

- Nature

Vocabulary – Related Words for Discussion:

- Soar: flying
- Dashed: to run quickly
- Gazed: to look
- Majestic: grand and beautiful

Before Reading:

Questions to build predicting skills

- Have you ever been on a field trip?
- Who has been to a park?
- Who has ridden on a school bus?

Go Back to the Story:

Questions to lead into a classroom discussion about story

- Pages 1-2 – Why wasn't Rodney in his seat? *Answer: He wanted to be outside*
- Pages 5-6 – What is Rodney doing and why? *Answer: Acting out; Because he wasn't paying attention and didn't know the answer to the question*
- Pages 9-10 – Why is it important to walk and not run across the street? *Answers may vary (because you have to look both ways; so you don't get hurt, etc.)*
- Pages 11-12 – Where is the bus going? *Answers may vary*
- Pages 14-15 – Why is everyone quiet? *Answers may vary*
- End of Book – What did Rodney do at the park? *Answers may vary*

Making Connections

Story to Real World

- Take a walk around the school – Have students discuss things they can do outside that Rodney does in the book
- Schedule a field trip to a local park