The children love to comment and get very excited to share their ideas about a story.

Three Little Javelinas

While listening, pause and discuss the main characters’ thoughts and actions.

“I wonder why the first javelin built his house from tumbleweeds. Tumbleweeds don’t seem very strong to me.”

“I’m wondering if the second javelin is going to have the same problems with his house as his brother did. Those saguaro ribs don’t look very strong.”

“I think the third javelin made two good decisions: build her house from adobe bricks and making a fire to scare away Coyote.”

Vocabulary to discuss-

Snout, trotted, whirlwind, tumbleweeds, invisible, sneaky, panting, hullabaloo, escaped, suspicious, discouraged

After reading-

The javelina sister made a better decision than her brothers did about what to use to build her house. How do you think she knew to use adobe bricks?

Coyote kept chasing the javelinas. Why do you think Coyote never gave up trying to get them?

Do you think the three javelinas might decide to build their own houses again or do you think they will live together? Why do you think so?