

ODE to a  
BAD

DAY



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**Reader's Theatre**

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Characters:

Ode #1  
Ode #2  
Ode #3  
Ode #4  
Ode #5  
Ode #6  
Ode #7  
Ode #8  
Ode #9  
Ode #10  
Ode #11  
Ode #12  
Ode #13  
Cricket



Implementation Suggestions: Students could all sit in a semi-circle in chairs to perform the Reader's Theatre. One student should share the title and the author and illustrator's names. Students could each make a costume piece for their ode character.

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**Ode #1:**

Oh Bad Morning,  
eyes are crusty, bones are rusty.  
Can't I stay inside my bed?

[Everyone on stage, shakes their head]

Oh you Bad Morning.

**Ode #2:**

Oh Too Much Milk in My Cereal,  
soggy, squishy! Boggy, mushy!

**All:**

Yuck!

**Ode #2:**

Oh you Too Much Milk.

**Ode #3:**

Oh Getting Dressed,  
itchy tags, stuffy rags,  
icky buttons—what a drag.

Oh you Clothes.



**All:**

Yesterday was full of yay!  
Could yesterday come back to play?

**Ode #4:**

Oh Late Again,  
Why can't we just slow things down?

**All:**

Hurry up!

**Ode #5:**

Oh Ouchy,  
slip. Thud! BLOOD! Crud.  
Boo-boo lurking in the mud!

**All:**

Ow!

**Ode #5:**

Oh you Ouchy.

**Ode #6:**

Oh Line Cutter,  
I'll never be the next to snack.

**All:**

I was first!

**Ode #6:**

Oh you Line Cutter.

**Ode #7:**

Oh Hiccup,  
you interrupt

**All:**

hiccup

**Ode #7:**

I'm getting sick

**All:**

hiccup

**Ode #7:**

I want to flick

**All:**

hiccup



**Ode #7:**

you up to the MOO—hiccup—OON.

Oh you Hiccup.

**All:**

Today's the worst I've ever had!  
Perhaps the rest won't be so bad?

**Ode #8:**

Oh Missing Pudding Cup,

[Everyone on stage looks for the pudding cup]

Oh, how I miss you, Pudding Cup.

**Ode #9:**

Oh Oops,  
whoops!

Oh you Oops.

**Ode #10:**

Oh Boredom,

I thought you'd left. Bye-bye. Shoo-shoo!

A chore at the store?

I fall to the floor!

Snorrrrrrrre . . .

**All:**

I'm so boooooooooorrrred.

**Ode #11:**

Oh you Boredom.

**All:**

Tomorrow will be full of glee!

Tomorrow, won't you come to me?

**Ode #12:**

Oh Yucky,

Smeared on the place mat,

time for a face-plant,

splat.

**All:**

Ew.

**ODE #12:**

Oh you are so Yucky.



**Ode #13:**

Oh Cricket in My Room,

**Cricket:**

cheet-cheet-cheet, cheet-cheet, cheet-cheet.

**Ode #13:**

A bleaty tweet with insect feet!  
You're up, you're down, you're all around.  
I can't escape your cheet-y sound!

Oh you Cricket.

**All:**

Oh Bad Day,

**Ode #1:**

all day long

**Ode #2:**

my way went wrong.

**Ode #3:**

The best part of a baddish day

**Ode #4:**

is when it ends, and I'm OK.

**Ode #5:**

My eyes are closed, and I suppose

**Ode #6:**

a better day is on its way.



**Ode #7:**

A day where fish are oopsy-free!

**Ode #8:**

A day where lines are led by me!

**Ode #9:**

A day where chores feel like a ride!

**Ode #10:**

A day where crickets stay outside!

**Ode #11:**

A day where pudding's all I eat!

**Ode #12:**

A day where I stay on my feet!

**Ode #13:**

That day could happen tomorrow,  
Right?

**Cricket:**

Cheet-cheet-cheet.

**All:**

Oh you.

Good night.

[The End, Bows]

