Celebrate Jumpstart’s Read for the Record on October 29, 2020

activity guide for events

Read Together
Reading aloud with your child builds key language and literacy skills. This shared experience provides an opportunity to connect, ignite their imagination, build a greater understanding of the world, and cultivates a lifelong love of reading. Here are some tips for making the most of storytime:

• Hold the book so children can easily see the cover and the illustrations.
• Make a few comments about the illustration on the cover and note the author and illustrator.
• Show excitement and read the story expressively.
• Listen for children’s comments or questions and respond briefly to confirm or clarify.
• Provide information to extend children’s understanding of the story.
• Have fun!

Vocabulary Building
Providing a simple explanation for words that children may not be familiar with can help build their language skills. You can describe the meaning of a word, point to an illustration, or use tone of voice to convey the word’s meaning. Here are some words to talk about while you read Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away:

Bundle: to dress warmly
Gobble: to swallow or eat in a hurry
Sneak: to move quietly and secretly
Grouchy: when someone complains about things
Vanished: disappeared or gone away
Blur: something that you cannot see clearly
Promise: saying for certain you will do something or something will happen
Mood Meter
Throughout the story we see the two friends sharing happy, joyful moments as they play and showing sadness as they part. Using the template as an example, make a large mood meter to hang on the wall. Ask children how they are feeling. Have them put a sticker or write their name on the part of the meter representing the emotion they are feeling that day.

Find a Friend
In an even-numbered group of eight to ten children, give out a sticker to each child. Use two of each style of sticker so that every child has one that matches the sticker of another child. For example, if you have eight children, you might give out two hearts, two stars, two moons, and two rainbows. Play music while the children dance or walk around. When the music stops, have them find the child with the matching sticker. Prompt children with a few questions they can talk to their partner about (e.g., their favorite color or games they like to play). Let children know that friends usually like some of the same things but also are unique individuals with differences. Just like Daniela and Evelyn!

Friendship Bracelets
Tell children that sometimes friends make or give one another small gifts or cards to show they care or are thinking about them. One way to do this is to make friendship bracelets. Give children beads and pipe cleaners to make a bracelet for someone special in their life. Assist children as needed throughout the activity and engage in conversation about who they are giving it to and why that person is special. Ask if there are characteristics about that person that are helping them decide which colors to choose or special beads to add.

Moving Day
It’s moving day in Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away! Set up a Dramatic Play station with boxes, clipboards, packing lists, and moving truck signs. Support children in playing the roles of families packing their homes and movers helping families change homes. Support language development by asking children why they are packing the items they are. How will they use them in their new homes? Why are they special to them?
DRAW A SPECIAL DAY

The day we see Evelyn and Daniela is a special and important day—moving day! Since Evelyn is Daniela’s “número uno best friend,” they spend the day doing fun things, like playing hide-and-seek and pretending to be in a bus driving around the city. Ask children what they would like to do on a special day with a friend. Invite children to draw a picture of the activity. Encourage them to write or support them in writing about that special activity.

MORE IDEAS

Keep the celebration going by trying some of these additional ideas!

- Make paper-bag puppets of the two key characters. How are they similar? How are they different?
- Using paper plates and art materials, have children make a face to show what emotions they are experiencing. This is especially fun to do with play dough.
- Play Simon Says using motions from the book, such as spin, wobble, and sneak.
- Create a reading corner for children who might need a quiet space. Integrate theme-related books

For more themes of friendship, try Farfallina & Marcel by Holly Keller, Matthew and Tilly by Rebecca C. Jones and illustrated by Beth Peck, Lubna and Pebble by Wendy Meddour and illustrated by Daniel Egnéus, The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by Rafael López, and Melia and Jo by Billy Aronson and Jennifer Oxley.

Dig into concepts of moving away or change by reading A New Home by Tania de Regil, Juna’s Jar by Jane Bahk and illustrated by Felicia Hoshino, Goodbye, Friend! Hello, Friend! by Cori Doerrfeld, Max and the Tag-Along Moon by Floyd Cooper, Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn by Kenard Pak, and Lissy’s Friends by Grace Lin.

Deepen conversations around letter writing by reading Dear Juno by Soyung Pak and illustrated by Susan Kathleen Hartung or A Letter to Amy by Ezra Jack Keats.

Explore more great books by author Meg Medina. Try Mango, Abuela, and Me or Tía Isa Wants a Car.
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