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Even bullies can learn to shareWhy should a large animal get away with bullying a smaller one? That's what happens when Elephant takes Hippo's spot in the pond, which causes Hippo to pick on Lion, Lion to pick on Leopard, and Leopard to pick on Monkey. Vincent Nguyen's illustrations-a mix of watercolor, charcoal pencil, and digital techniques-enrich the story as Monkey asks his mother for advice, and she comes up with just the right solution to solve the problem.

Jungle Bullies Details

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Matt says

No one likes a bully, especially in the jungle. After a series of animals turn to bullying ones smaller than them, Momma Monkey turns things around and shows how sharing can be more useful. What follows is a series of interactions that leave everyone happy. Neo told me he dislikes bullies and hopes not to become one. I like that idea and hope that he is able to teach the sharing lesson to others too.

Prashant says

Good read for kids.

Kimberly says

This was a cute book that teaches kids about bullying and that each animal that was bullied had gone and bullied the next animal until the monkey stood up for him self and they all realized they should go back and stand up for themselves as they did they all ended up getting along and playing with eachother

Brenna Call says

This was one of the better picture books that I have read in the last few months. The illustrations were bright and appealing the the eye. The message of sharing and being a friend is an important lesson for children of all ages and the rhyme that was repeated throughout the book is simple enough for children to remember and hopefully take to heart. Children will like seeing all of the African animals and will be able to join in each time the message is reiterated. This book is recommended for read-aloud to young listeners. (PreK-2nd)

Shira Burns says

This text is a wonderful way to introduce the topic of bullying in a classroom. The animal characters in this book bully one another until they learn the correct way to handle situations. By the end of the story they are all friends. I would use this book in my classroom and have students to identify rhyming words with the text. I also believe a sequencing activity could be derived from the story line.

Kajsa Jonsson says

Summary

This story takes place in the jungle where the different animals living there, are not good in communication

and collaboration. The biggest animal in the jungle: the elephant, is the first one who scares a smaller animal of, and tells that smaller animal to get out of its way. That starts a chain where one animal tells another smaller animal to move. Because the smaller animal is afraid of the bigger one, the smaller one moves. Eventually, the chain reaches its end when a leopard is telling a baby monkey to move. This baby monkey asks its mother for help and the mother solves the problem by telling the baby monkey to communicate and collaborate with the other animals. The animals eventually listen to each other, and agree that there are room for everyone to share.

Major themes

Bullying, sharing and communication

Personal response

I enjoyed reading this book even though it is partly about bullying. It truly shows the importance of communicating with each other, and that sharing is positive and more fun. I also liked that it was the smaller animals who had the real strength and bravery, and stood up for themselves. They were telling the others to stop being mean and it worked- the bigger animals listened to them. That showed that size does not matter, even though you are small you can stand up for yourself and make a change.

Why I recommend this book

I believe this story is easy for younger children to understand. It is written with a simple language, it contains descriptive pictures and the story is repetitive. This makes it easy for the reader to follow the story and it is a closure to the story, even though there are many things that students could discuss after reading it. It shows the true meaning of sharing and communication, and why it is important.

Ali says

I loved this book. It starts out with an elephant wanting to take a bath but he kicks the hippo out of the water because he is bigger. The hippo then kicks the lion out of his spot. The lion then kicks the leopard out of his spot, and so on and so on till a little monkey gets kicked out of his spot. His mama had told him to stand up to bullies so he did. Then all the animals began to stand up to their bullies. Very good moral.

Gerti says

Ein heiteres Bilderbuch über die Überlegenheit großer Tiere, die durch eine kleine Affenmama lernen, dass es besser und schöner ist zu teilen.

Peacegal says

This simple fantasy story uses cute jungle animals to illustrate the point that might doesn't make right and bullying is never fair.

Maria says

Will the little monkey stand up for himself? This book has a clear anti-bullying message that says: "Don't tell me what to do, this spot is big enough for two. Share it with me as a friend, don't be mean to me again."

Tam says

This is a good book for younger kids because it's very repetitive so they know what's coming next.

Kelci Cox-Griswold says

The big animals all want to bully the smaller animals. Eventually one of the animals stands up to the other and it causes a chain reaction. This book could be used to teach kids about sharing and bullying.

Ben Phillips says

Written by Steven Krull and illustrated by Vincent Nguyen, Jungle Bullies as the title explains, looks at the topic of bullying using a range of animals as the characters/main plot. The story sets out with an elephant wanting to bathe in the pond, but finding that the pond is already taken up by a hippo, the elephant uses his size in order to make hippo leave the pond. This trend continues with the larger of the two animals making the smaller one move from a specific spot/place until the trend is reversed with one of the animals sticking up for themselves.

Likes:

I like the fact that the book has used animals in order to portray bullying, which is such a relevant topic, especially in schools. This book is a great way to address bullying for pupils as well as teachers and teaching staff.

The book is colourful with the pictures being the main focus such as the animals facial expressions giving the reader the ability to presume what they would be feeling. This I feel would be a great way to use the book in a classroom setting, having children interpret what is happening in the story.

The story also has a nice little rhyme that is used by the smaller animal to the larger one when asking them to share the space with them. I also like that when the animals say the rhyme, all the other animals that have been bullied as well as with them, showing support which is also a nice theme about friendship and helping others.

Dislike:

I feel that the story didn't need as many words as it used, with some of the sentences used being quite lengthy for younger children to read. Although as stated previously the pictures do a really good job of letting the

reader know what is going on, so most younger children probably would not even read the sentences provided.

Age range:

I feel that the book is aimed at children from 5 plus, with the format of the 'pictures do the talking'.

Classroom setting:

As stated previously I feel that this would be a great book in order to either introduce the topic of bullying or to revisit this either in a one to one situation/or as a whole class as to why bullying is wrong and the effects it can have on someone.

Brittney Patterson says

Sharing

Cute book about standing up for yourself. My kids and I enjoyed it. It close well and is a good story

Alicia says

Cute story about animals bullying each other until they learn the appropriate way to handle the situation. Then everyone stands up to their bully. Easy introduction to an "issue." Rhyming and fun also.
