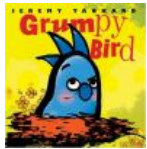


Friendship Storytime

A *Grumpy Bird* storytime is a great time to talk about friends. What are friends and what do they do together? Talk about ways to be a good friend.

Early Literacy Tip for Parents: *Grumpy Bird* is a fun book! Having fun with books is one of the best ways to develop young readers. When children learn that books are fun, they develop a love of reading. A love of reading is a strong foundation for learning.



Grumpy Bird by Jeremy Tankard

Play Follow the Leader. You can use one of these music CDs, if you'd like to.

- **Play Your Instruments and Make a Pretty Sound** by Ella Jenkins
- **Get Moving** by Ella Jenkins
- **Action Songs for Preschoolers: A Treasury of Fun** by Georgiana Stewart

Early Literacy Tip: Play is a child's work. Children learn best and feel best when they have plenty of time for playing. You might want to play "Follow the Leader" with your child just like Grumpy Bird plays with his friends.



Baby Bird's First Nest by Frank Asch

Music "The More We Get Together" by Raffi

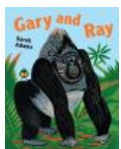
If You're a Friend and You Know It

If you're a friend and you know it clap your hands.

If you're a friend and you know it clap your hands.

If you're a friend and you know it and you really want to show it,

If you're a friend and you know it clap your hands.



Gary and Ray by Sarah Adams

Friend of Mine (sing to "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Will you be a friend of mine, friend of mine, friend of mine?

Will you be a friend of mine and (insert action word) around with me?

(jump, clap, dance...)

Early Literacy Tip: Singing with your child is one of the best things you can do to help her become a reader. Singing lengthens the sounds of words so a child can more easily hear the sounds that make up words. Children need to be able to hear the separate sounds in words before they can read. Let's try saying the words "Will you be a friend of mine, friend of mine, friend of mine?" Now, let's sing the words. Can you hear the difference?

Craft Ideas

Paper Doll Friends

Pre-cut paper chain people and let children color or decorate them as friends. I used this template for gingerbread men and decorated it as children.

http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft_themes/Special_Occassions/Christmas/gingerbreadmanchain/gingerbreadmanchain.html



Drawing

Have children draw a picture of what they like to do with their friends.

Printable Activities

Printable coloring pages with a friendship theme:

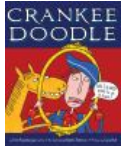
http://www.jumbocoloring.info/friendship-day-coloring-pages_1p96.html

Apps

"Even Monsters Get Sick" by Busy Bee Studios

"Max and Kate" a Ladybug's Bookshelf App by Cricket Magazine Group

Other Books About Friendship



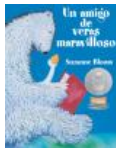
Crankee Doodle by Tom Angleberger and Cece Bell



Forever Friends by Carin Berger



A Splendid Friend, Indeed by Suzanne Bloom



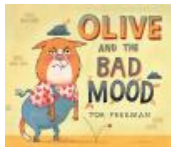
Un Amigo de Veras Maravilloso by Suzanne Bloom



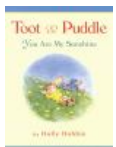
Let's Go, Hugo! by Angela Dominguez



Purple Little Bird by Greg Foley



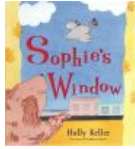
Olive and the Bad Mood by Tor Freeman



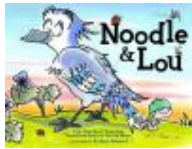
Toot & Puddle: You Are My Sunshine by Holly Hobbie



Tono Esta Triste (Tono y Pancho) by Holly Hobbie



Sophie's Window by Holly Keller



Noodle & Lou by Liz Garton Scanlon and Arthur Howard



The Grumpy Dump Truck by Brie Spangler

