

Grade Level: Grade 3

Subject: Visual Arts

Objective: Students will create a jungle-themed artwork inspired by the story "Jungle Buddyz: A Race to Remember," focusing on the theme of friendship and believing in oneself.

Materials:

- Drawing paper
- Pencils
- Markers or colored pencils
- Crayons
- Paint or watercolor
- Paintbrushes
- Glue
- Scissors
- Jungle-themed images (printed or drawn)

Introduction:

- Introduce the story "Jungle Buddyz: A Race to Remember" and discuss the main characters and the theme of friendship.
- Explain that the students will be creating their own artwork based on the story, focusing on the theme of friendship and believing in oneself.

Story Comprehension:

- Engage students in a brief discussion about the story, emphasizing the important messages about friendship and self-belief.
- Ask questions to check their understanding of the story and its themes.

Discussion and Reflection:

- Lead a class discussion on the importance of friendship and believing in oneself.
- Ask students to reflect on their own experiences of friendship and times when they had to believe in themselves.
- Encourage students to share their thoughts and feelings, promoting a positive and supportive classroom environment.

Art Activity:

- Distribute drawing paper and instruct students to draw a jungle scene on their paper, including the main characters from the story (Scooter, Flick, Milo, Lincoln, and Gabby).
- Encourage students to add details and use their imagination to bring their jungle scene to life.
- Provide images of jungle animals and plants for reference if needed.
- Once the drawings are complete, students can enhance their artwork using markers, colored pencils, or crayons.
- For added creativity, students can also use paint or watercolor to add color to their jungle scene.
- Once the artwork is dry, students can cut out their drawings and glue them onto a larger piece of construction paper to create a collage or display.

Conclusion:

- As the students are finishing their artworks, gather them together and have a short reflection on what they have learned from the activity and how it relates to the story.
- Ask students to share their artworks and explain the elements that represent friendship and self-belief in their drawings.

Extension Activity:

- If time allows, students can create a mini-book or comic strip retelling the story "Jungle Buddyz: A Race to Remember" using their artwork as illustrations.
- They can write captions or dialogue to accompany each page of the book.
- Once completed, encourage students to share their mini-books with their classmates or even with younger grades as a way to spread the messages of friendship and self-belief.