

Grade Level: Grade 3

Subject: Social Studies

Objective:

- Students will identify and discuss the themes of friendship, encouragement, and perseverance in the story.
- Students will reflect on the importance of supporting and believing in one another.
- Students will understand the importance of self-confidence and celebrating personal achievements.

Materials:

- Story "Jungle Buddyz: A Race to Remember"
- Chart paper and markers
- Small objects or pictures representing the characters (optional)
- Drawing or coloring materials (optional)

Introduction:

- 1. Begin the lesson by asking students if they have ever had a race or participated in a competitive event.
- 2. Show the students the cover of the storybook "Jungle Buddyz: A Race to Remember" and ask them to make predictions about the story based on the title and the cover.

Story Comprehension:

- 3. Read the story "Jungle Buddyz: A Race to Remember" aloud to the students.
- 4. After reading, ask students to recall the main characters and their special qualities. (Scooter, Flick, Milo, Lincoln, and Gabby)
- 5. Discuss the challenges Scooter faced and how his friends helped him overcome his nervousness.
- 6. Ask students to identify the themes in the story, such as friendship, encouragement, and perseverance.

Discussion and Reflection:

- 7. Engage students in a discussion about the importance of friendship and supporting one another.
- 8. Ask students how they feel when their friends support and encourage them, and how it helps them overcome challenges.

9. Have students reflect on a time when they received support or encouragement from a friend or a family member. Ask them to share their experiences with the class.

Conclusion:

- 10. Emphasize the importance of believing in oneself and having confidence in one's abilities.
- 11. Discuss how celebrating personal achievements, regardless of the outcome, is essential for building self-esteem and resilience.
- 12. Summarize the main lessons learned from the story, including the value of friendship, the power of encouragement, and the importance of self-belief.

Extension Activity:

- 13. Have students create a drawing or write a short journal entry about a time when they faced a challenge or participated in a race or competition. Students can depict the support they received from friends or family members and highlight how it helped them overcome the challenge.
- 14. Encourage students to share their drawings or journal entries with the class, fostering a positive and supportive classroom environment.
- 15. Optional: Students can also role-play a scene from the story or create a mini skit showcasing the themes of friendship, encouragement, and perseverance.