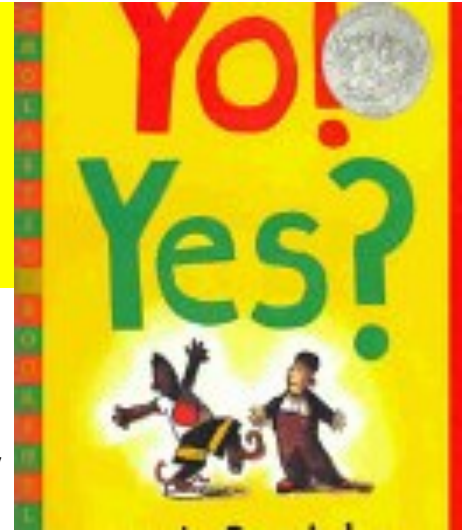


Pre-K Essential Literature

Yo! Yes?

by Chris Raschka



- Do a call and response reading, which will invite all children to participate in rereading the story
- Discuss what yo means and why we use it.
- Make up some gestures to match yo, yes and well.
- At the beginning of the story, one boy passes the other. Why is that
- Be Punctuation Detectives and look to see which punctuation mark is being used as you read. Discuss what they mean.
- At the end the boys jump up and say “yow”. What does that mean?
- Create a new ending where the boys do not become friends.
- One boy has to think about the offer of friendship offered by the other boy. Why is that?
- Draw a picture of what you like to do with friends.

What's Up– Math Measurement

- Measurement helps children see how large or small something is. Weight and size are necessary in understanding how things look.
- Show pictures of people of different sizes and heights. Discuss which ones are large or big and which are small or little. Next show students pictures of tall and short people and discuss the differences. Finally sort by height and size into groups.

You Are My Friend– Music

- Have the children sing songs about friends. Ex. *You are my good friend, Alligator Friend*.
- Have the children hold hands and make a friendship circle. While in the circle pass a squeeze and sing *Make New Friends*. Finally play music and have the children move in a circle with their friend.

I Like You, No Doubt About It (SEL)

- Making friends is a skill that all children are constantly learning to do. Discuss how children can be friends. What did the boys do.
- Sometimes it is hard to make friends when you are new to a school or group. Discuss how a person feelings if they are new to a group. Ask the children how they should welcome a new friend. Write responses on a circle map.

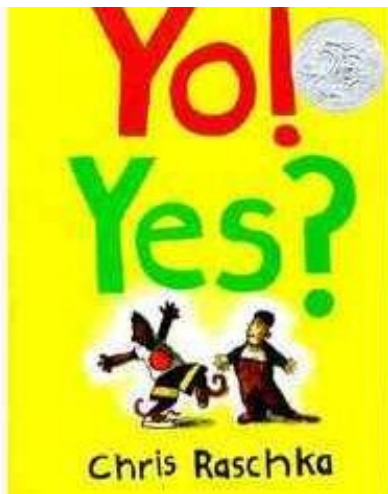
Friends and Families (Social Studies)

In the story, there is a look at friends all around. Share a time in the past when you were new to a group and how you made new friends or how someone made friends with you. How can families help with making friends in the neighborhood?

Looking beyond the cover: *Yo! Yes?*

About the Author

Chris Raschka is one of those people who knew from an early age what he wanted to be when he grew up. "It was never a question in my mind," he says. "As long as I can remember, I always knew what I would do: I would become a biologist." Somewhere along the line, however, after having to kill a mouse with his bare hands, Chris Raschka began to change his mind. "I understood it intellectually," he says, "but I just wasn't cut out to do that." Fortunately, Chris Raschka's squeamishness turned into a boon for the realm of children's books. He decided to shift his focus to painting and drawing, and has since produced a range of outstanding books that has PUBLISHERS WEEKLY calling him "one of the most original illustrators at work today." Chris Raschka illustrated *A POKE IN THE I: A COLLECTION OF CONCRETE POEMS*, a critically acclaimed anthology that was both a NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW Best Illustrated Children's Book and a PUBLISHERS WEEKLY Best Book of the Year. "I approached it with a version of the Hippocratic oath," Chris Raschka says of the playful volume. "That was my goal: do no harm to these poems, which are all beautiful. I wanted my illustrations to be little welcoming introductions--a way in."



More Interactive Read Alouds

Interactive read alouds are amazing for emerging, reluctant and non-readers. The music, call and response, repetition, simplicity and other techniques empower children to read these books even before they can really read. They are outstanding for story time.

For close reading, ask children to describe what will the boys do next? What are some other ways to make and keep friends.?

Here's a list of some of our favorite interactive read alouds:

Jump, Frog, Jump! By Robert Kalan

Yo! Yes? By Chris Raschka

Down by the Cool of the Pool by Tony Mitton

Go Away Big Green Monster by Ed Emberley

Press Here by Herve Tullet

Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock by Eric Kimmell

Check it out!

Like *Yo! Yes?*, here are some other books by author Chris Raschka

The Hello Goodbye Window

A Ball For Daisy

Like, Likes, Like

Wormy Worm

