

The Nose That Didn't Fit - Ideas and Activities

Title: *The Nose That Didn't Fit* by Andi Green

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(CCSS recommendations found on pg 5)

Pre-Reading

Objective: Learn about feeling insecure and why it would make some people want to hide.

Lesson 1:

- 1) Predict what will happen.
 - Based on the title and the cover, what do you think this book will be about?
- 2) Vocabulary - Review new words:
 - snout, shrink, reflection, remained, wizard, implore, grumble, mumble, pout, permanent, reconsider, pranced, awed, committed, blunder, regret, insecurity

Reading/Post-Reading

- 3) Read the book slowly with the entire group.
- 4) Questions to think about (can be done during any of the 3 lessons):
 - Why do you think the author wrote this story?
 - What is the moral of the story?
 - How do you relate to the main character's problem?
- 5) Talk about the story.
 - What didn't Rue like about himself?
 - What did he do to try and change his appearance?
 - Why did the Wizard try to discourage Rue from making a change?
 - What does the phrase "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" mean? How does it relate to the story?

Tiff Tip:

Have students trace a friend's head profile. Cut their silhouette on black paper. Write students' names on the back of their drawings, then mix up the cutouts and have them guess who it is!

Lesson 2:

- 1) Choose a 2nd reading style. Use plastic telephones, finger pointers, or partner read.
 - Word Work: Connect Contractions- (e.g., couldn't, he'd, didn't, can't, he's, I've, that's) With a partner, write a list of the contractions and their two original words.
 - Use a timeline to sequence the events of Rue's adventures.

Lesson 3:

- 1) Choose a new partner or silently read the book.
- 2) Have students look in a mirror, then draw a small colorful self-portrait with crayons. Tell students to notice "what makes you YOU!"
- 3) Reader's Personal Response Questions:
 - Have you ever felt different from everyone else? What did that feel like?
 - Why did you feel this way?
 - What is the most important thing that you learned from the story?
 - When have you felt like you didn't fit in? What did you do about it?
 - What made you finally feel better about being who you are?

NOTES/COMMENTS

