

PRE-SCHOOL TO K-2 RESOURCES

BAXTER'S CORNER BOOKS

LESSON PLAN (1 hour)

"Ellema Sneezes"

When Ellema sneezes her classmates take cover,
but her sneezes are useful they soon will discover.

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Summary Ellema's allergies cause sneezing catastrophes. When it comes to making friends, her sneezes often get in the way. Will her sneezes ever be tamed? *Ellema Sneezes* is a story about **respecting** others and treating others as you would like to be treated.

Materials & Resources

1. *Ellema Sneezes* story book
2. Construction Paper
3. Glue
4. Markers and/or crayon
5. Scissors
6. Puppet (optional or make your own)

Implementation Time: 30 minutes

Learning Context

Baxter's Corner Engagement Tip:

Create excitement throughout the week leading up to the event by planting clues about the characters and the mystery reader(s).

Procedures

- **Before Reading**
Conversational questioning: Ask "What happens when we ignore others or do not include them?" Next set the purpose: "As you listen to the story, think about how we can make others feel welcome by being polite." Discuss how this is showing others respect.
- **During Reading** (*Pretend the puppet is reading*)
Think Aloud: As you read, pause to talk about things you notice on several pages. For example, "I'm wondering how Ellema is feeling when her classmate Olivia wants to send her away."
- **After Reading**
Check for Understanding: Use the *GoBeyond* section after the story on pages 41-43 to ask and answer questions about the story and prepare for the activity below.

Activity Time: 20 minutes

Each child will create a Show Respect kite poster from page 46 using the provided materials. Use the *GoBeyond* section to see examples. As the children create, assist them with writing the words on their kites.

Share-Out Time: 10 minutes

Give each student the opportunity to share their Show Respect posters with the group.

Reread this story in several weeks or months using different questions and activities from pages 38 to 49.

