



CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – DECEMBER 2022

Reading Comprehension

1. Teen author Olivia Amiri writes poems as a way to express herself. Ask kids if they've ever written a poem or if they have an interest in writing one. Then ask them to try writing any poem, as many lines as they want, with or without rhymes.

 2. *Are You A Bird Like Me* tells the story of the amazing things that can happen when we work together, even if others aren't like us. Discuss this idea with students. Ask them to write about when they worked together with others to solve or achieve something.

 3. In the story *Rica Baptista*, the main character really wants a pet, but she wants it to be special like an iguana or a llama or a sloth. The message of the story is if you really want something, you'll give all you can to get it. Ask kids to write about something they would really like to have and what they intend to do to succeed.

 4. *I Can't Draw* is a picture book that highlights creativity, believing in yourself, and not falling into the trap of comparison. Discuss these ideas with students and ask them if they like to draw. Have them write about something they've created or made themselves. Did they enjoy the experience and would they like to do it again?

 5. In *Marky the Magnificent Fairy*, a young fairy is bullied and teased by the other woodland creatures because her wings are too small and she can't fly. The book teaches about kindness and seeing one's abilities rather than their disabilities. Discuss these ideas with students and ask them to write about why they think it's important to be kind.
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True or False

1. *That Flag* is a story of best friends divided over the meaning and significance of the Confederate flag. (True or False)
 2. In the story *The Smallest Snowflake*, the little snowflake's dream is to travel to exotic locations. (True or False)
 3. David Atherton's *Bake, Make & Learn to Cook* books tailor to young chefs with easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions. (True or False)
 4. In *Lupe Lopez: Rockstar Rules!*, Lupe jumps on all of the desks and chairs in her classroom. (True or False)
 5. Opportunities for kids to express themselves in creative ways include painting, crafting, and putting together puzzles. (True or False)
 6. In *Frank and Bean: Food Truck Fiasco*, Frank wants to sell donuts in the food truck competition. (True or False)
 7. The book *Arnie the Doughnut* has been turned into an off-Broadway musical, a plush toy, and a costume. (True or False)
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Fill in the Blanks

1. In the book *Bethlehem Barn*, animals are given the gift of _____ on Christmas Eve.
 2. In *The Snowman Waltz*, a dozen waltzing snowmen are interrupted by a dozen marching _____.
 3. In the story *Two-Headed Chicken*, the chicken is trying to escape a _____ named Kernel Antlers.
 4. In *Chester the (Almost) Pirate*, Chester enrolls in classes in the art of _____.
 5. In *Miss Mary's Christmas Mittens*, Miss Mary wants to knit mittens for all her students but the store is out of _____.
 6. The *Case of the Missing Crown* is a story about two _____ who play detective to locate a missing crown.
 7. In the story *Room On Top*, Anteater invites a badger, a duck, and a _____ to join him on his ride.
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Fill in the Blanks: 1. speech 2. penguins 3. moose 4. piracy 5. yarn 6. brothers 7. squirrel

True/False: 1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True 6. False 7. True

Answers

