



Bobby's Books

Book: A Porcupine Named Fluffy

Possible Themes: Coping/Continuity of Life

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Author: Helen Lester

Illustrator: Lynn Munsinger

Recommended Age of Child: 4 to 8

Description of Book: (From a six year old) "It's about a porcupine named Fluffy, but Fluffy was not fluffy. I liked it when Fluffy met a rhinoceros named Hippo. It was funny when Fluffy was trying to not get wet in the rain. His quills would stick out of the umbrella. And when Fluffy slept on an air mattress, he popped the mattress. Fluffy also sticks to the door. It was a funny book."

Quote from Book: "But soon there came a time when Fluffy began to doubt that he was fluffy. He first became suspicious when he backed into a door and stuck fast. That was not a fluffy thing to do."

Lesson Plan Ideas:

- Put on a play to reinforce the book's messages of friendship, frustration, self-esteem and humor. This works well if adult volunteers are willing to participate and actually put it on for the children.
- What is their favorite of the names of the names Fluffy's parents considered? Spike, Lance, Needleroozer, Prickles, Pokey, Quillian, Fluffy
- Do they like their names? What would they like to be named? What is the funniest name they think they could have?
- What are a few other ways Fluffy could have tried to be fluffy?
- Talk about how a child can handle it if they are in an embarrassing or awkward situation. Ask them if they ever feel out of place because they have a parent, grandparent, etc. who has died?
- Make a porcupine and a rhino out of model magic or air-dry clay.

Materials: Dress Up Clothes for Play, Porcupine Outfit (Be Creative); Model Magic or Air-Dry Clay; watercolors; paint brushes; fine tip permanent black marker; lots of toothpicks