

## Dolphin Swimmers Literature

### Session 3

During Session 3, we will be reading books by author and illustrator Kevin Henkes, as well as some books about holidays in February. This session, I will make time for everyone to write some words or phrases during each class, usually in response to one of our stories. We have all different kinds of writers in our class, and our assignments will meet each student at his or her ability level (I won't be expecting long sentences or perfect spelling). I only want to allow everyone to practice putting their thoughts into words, and their words on to paper (and I will be ready to offer lots of support along the way).

Please let me know if you have any questions. I'm looking forward to this next session!

#### **Week 1 (Feb. 1)**

Books: What is Groundhog Day? by Maximilian Smith, Groundhog's Day Off by Robb Pearlman

Write: Predict whether the groundhog will see his shadow tomorrow (Feb. 2). Write out your prediction and read it out loud to the class. (We will keep these until the last day of the session, which will be the first day of spring, to see if we were right!)

#### **Week 2 (Feb. 8)**

Books: Happy Valentine's Day Little Critter by Mercer Mayer, Valentine's Day by Gail Gibbons

Talk about Valentine's Day

Write: Make cards for your friends. Add "To" and "From" along with an optional message.

Optional homework: Make/Write a Valentine for each person in the Dolphin Swimmers Literature class (I will send home a list of names). Bring them next week to put in their Valentine bags!

#### **Week 3 (Feb. 15)**

Create Valentine Bags & exchange Valentines

Books: Happy Valentine's Day, Curious George! and other Curious George books

Write: Write your name clearly on your bag. Practice reading your Valentines!

#### **Week 4 (Feb. 22)**

Books by Kevin Henkes: Jessica and Sheila Rae, The Brave

Write: What would you name your imaginary friend, and what would you do together?

Finish this sentence: "I am brave when I..."

#### **Week 5 (March 1)**

Books by Kevin Henkes: Chrysanthemum and Wemberly Worried

Write: What is something nice you can say when you meet someone new?

"Sometimes I worry about..."

**Week 6 (March 8)**

Book by Kevin Henkes: Chester's Way

Write: "Chester and Wilson always..."

"Victor is..." (also, draw a picture of what you think Victor might be like)

**Week 7 (March 15)**

Books by Kevin Henkes: Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse and Lilly's Big Day

Write: "When I grow up, I want to be..."

"When I hurt someone's feelings, it's a good idea to say (I'm sorry, forgive me, I didn't mean to, etc.)"

Pretend you're in the Light Bulb Lab. Draw a picture of someone, and write some words that describe them.

**Week 8 (March 22)**

Books by Kevin Henkes: Waiting, My Garden, Egg

Write: "In my garden, I would grow..."

"Looking out the window, I would wait to see..."

Spring book: Will Spring Be Early? Or Will Spring Be Late? by Crockett Johnson

Check our predictions from Week 1 - Has the Spring weather come? Or will it be late this year?