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Planet Kindergarten: 100 Days in Orbit

Author: Sue Ganz-Schmidt

Illustrator: Shane Prigmore

Genre:

Awards:

Multicultural:

Summary

The book starts off with a mission recap of skills learned on their journey but soon we move on to day 100 and that is where the magic begins. The crew experiences failures requiring them to come together as a team and support one another – from a crewmate feeling sick to the narrator spilling 100 aliens. Each time the crew work together to get through their issues making this an excellent allegory to teach new Kindergartners empathy towards their peers as well as to allay any fear about messing up around their peers.

Personal Reflection

I loved how this book was about the 100th day of school. It would be so much fun to read during that time in a Kindergarten classroom. I loved how the kids came together to work out their problems, because that shows community in the classroom. It’s important for children to see examples of working together and being nice to everyone in the class.

Activity

After reading the book, the students will all work on an activity together. Since the book has to do with space and science, the students will all have to build a spaceship… from 100 legos that I have given them to use. They will have to work together, like in the book, to build this space ship. There will be no arguing, only working nicely together. After they are finished, we will place the spaceship somewhere in the room for the rest of the year.

Source: Teacher made