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Same, Same but Different

Author: Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw

Illustrator: Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Awards: Ezra Jack Keats Book Award

Multicultural: Yes

Summary

This story is about two young boys, who live a world apart. Elliot lives in the United States and Kailash lives all the way in India. They become pen pals who send letters and pictures of what they like to do. It turns out that they have quite a few things in common with one another. They become best friends even though they live across the world from one another.

Personal Response

I hadn’t even heard about this book until Katy did a book talk over it. I absolutely loved it! This is an amazing book because it promotes the friendships of people from different cultures. This is important because at times we can forget that our world is so big and that the people on the other side of our planet go through some of the same things as we do. The pictures in this book are also so vivid and colorful.

Activity

After reading the book, *Same, Same but Different*, written by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw, I will tell the students about the pen pal activity we will do as a class.

By using the website, Kidworldcitizen.org, in class we will find a kindergarten class from another country in another part of the world.

I will make sure everything is safe and secure for the children involved. But this experience will be good for them if everything goes as planned and as it should.

The students and I will create the letter together as a class. I will write the letters going by what the students want to send to the penpal classroom.

We will be sure to include what we are learning in reading, math, science, and any other things.

We will send off the letter and await their letter to return in response.

This activity is teacher made.