

# Friends, Not Foes! - Classroom Lesson Plan

## Reading Level & Theme

- Age Range: 4-6 years
- Theme: Friendship, empathy, conflict resolution, courage

## Before Reading

- Ask students: Have you ever been the new kid in school?
- Introduce key vocabulary: empathy, bully, forgive, brave
- Predict what the story might be about based on the title and cover

## During Reading

- Pause to ask: How do you think Niza feels now?
- Encourage expression through faces/emotions
- Use reading pointers or finger-tracking to support early readers

## After Reading

- Discuss: What would you do if you saw someone being bullied?
- Sequence scenes from the book
- Talk about how people become friends after a fight

## Cross-Curricular Activities

- Math: Create kindness charts or bar graphs based on students' acts of kindness.
- Writing: Write a letter from Niza to her teacher.
- Social Studies: Talk about community helpers (like Mrs. Tochrane).
- Science: Explore body language - how feelings show in facial expressions.
- Art: Make a 'Friendship Quilt' - each student decorates a square.
- Technology: Use drawing apps to re-illustrate a favorite page.
- Geography: Map Niza's journey from a small village to the city.
- Drama: Act out scenes and practice using kind words.

