

And Tango Makes Three

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Illustrator

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Year

2005

Genre

Non-fiction

Suggested Grade Level

Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd

Cultural Experience

LGBTQ+

"We'll call her Tango, because it takes two to make a Tango."

Content Area Connections:

Language Arts: Identify the main idea of the story and explain how the penguin family cares for Tango. Ask and answer questions about important events in the narrative. Describe how the illustrations support understanding of the story. Compare the penguin family in the book with different kinds of families students know.

Social Studies: families and how they support one another, essential qualities needed to learn and grow together, ways people work together within a community, events from different points of view, contributions of diverse groups within a community, use primary sources

to document personal and family history, and how diverse families contribute to the community.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL): Recognize that families form in many ways and provide love and care (social awareness). Show respect for different family structures and experiences. Practice inclusive language and supportive behaviors when discussing families (relationship skills). Reflect on ways families nurture belonging and responsibility.

Art: Examine how the illustrator uses posture, expression, and setting to communicate relationships between the penguins. Interpret visual cues that show care, cooperation, and family life. Create a family portrait that represents people, pets, or caregivers who provide support and belonging.

Primary Source Connection:

- Have students create their own primary source that represents their family
- [Picture of the penguin family from this article](#)
- [Various family portraits](#)
- [Family images](#)

Other Books:

- [Who's in my family?](#)
- [Families, Families, Families!](#)
- [Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story](#)
- [When Aiden Became a Brother](#)
- [Spanish is the Language of My Family](#)
- [The Bear in My Family](#)
- [Finding Family](#)
- [Family](#)
- [The White Swan Express: A Story About Adoption](#)