

Intersection Allies: We Make Room for All

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Genre

Realistic Fiction

Suggested Grade Level

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th

Cultural Experience

Multicultural

*"Where there's room for some, we make room for all.
Friends can be allies, no matter how small!"*

Content Area Connections:

Language Arts: Determine the central message about identity and inclusion and explain how the authors develop it across the stories. Describe characters and explain how their identities shape their experiences. Compare the perspectives of different characters and discuss how their experiences are similar or different. Use details from the text and illustrations to support interpretations of the story.

Social Studies: Similarities and differences in individuals, individual identity, demonstrating respect for all people, how families support one another, how families are similar and different, demonstrate positive relationships, qualities of good citizens, what makes a community, how community members help and support one another, how diversity impacts the community.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL): Recognize how multiple aspects of identity shape people's experiences. Practice perspective-taking by discussing how characters respond to bias or exclusion. Identify ways students can promote fairness and inclusion in their classrooms or communities.

Art: Interpret how the illustrator uses color, composition, and character design to communicate identity and perspective. Examine how visual elements highlight the characters' differences and connections. Create an illustrated character portrait that communicates identity through clothing, symbols, or setting, and explain how those choices represent the character's experiences.

Primary Source Connection:

- Have students create their own primary source that represents their family
- [Various family portraits](#)
- [Family images](#)
- [Hear refugee stories from real people](#)
- [Refugees escaping War](#)
- [Class self-portraits from 1996](#)
- [Self Portrait collection](#)

Other Books:

- [Love Without Bounds: An Intersectionallies Book about Families](#)
- [Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match](#)
- [Last Stop on Market Street](#)
- [A Little Bit of Everything](#)