

Title: Ninja Cowboy Bear

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Grade Level: Primary

Category: Picture Book

Synopsis: Three friends quarrel over who is better. After a few competitions they each discover that they might not be the best at everything, but each one has a unique trait.

Thematic/Curriculum Connections: Diversity, conflict resolution, self-esteem, competition.

Activities:

Game

A simple game at the end of the book will provide entertainment for younger children. The game is similar to “Rock, Paper, Scissors” and in this game the rules are:

- Ninja beats Cowboy
- Cowboy beats Bear
- Bear beats Ninja

Writing Activity

1. Ask the students to write something they are great at on a piece of paper. Collect the papers and redistribute them.
2. Ask for volunteers to read their note aloud and see if it feels right.
3. The teacher may want to keep the notes and read them aloud and ask the students to try to guess who is good at this?
4. Go around the class and have each student identify one good thing about the person next to them, or behind them.