

P.A.W.S. POSITIVE ACTIONS WILL SHINE

JANUARY 2013 READING CHALLENGE



Walk Away Message from Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun: Be courageous and stand up for what is right.

Positive character traits from the story, Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun: tolerance, diversity, courage, embarrassed

Robust Vocabulary: tremble, poofy, muttered, persistent,

If you enjoyed this story, we recommend: Pink Tiara Cookies by Maria Dismondy, The Potato Chip Champ by Maria Dismondy

Monthly Book Choice:

Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun

by Maria Dismondy

This book is about a girl who brings spaghetti on a hotdog bun to eat for lunch. She gets teased for it and then a bully continues to tease her about her hair and other things. In the end, she has the opportunity to help the bully out of a difficult situation and does. The bully then becomes her friend. Children are able to relate to the problem of getting picked on for being different. It empowers children to always do the right thing and be proud of themselves, even when faced with someone who makes them feel differently.



Parents and Guardians, Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun is an intriguing story which empowers children to make the right choices even when it may seem difficult. Unfortunately, we can not guarantee our children a life free from all unkindness. However, we can give them the skills and values to cope with whatever challenges they may have to face. This story shows

children how to deal with these types of difficult situations. Here are some discussion questions to ask your child about the book of the month:

1. How do you know that Ralph was bullying Lucy?
2. What can you do if someone treats you the way Ralph treats Lucy?
3. What clues did you find that tell you Ralph will no longer tease Lucy?
4. How would this story be different if Ralph was telling the story?
5. Do you think you should help someone who has not been nice to you? Explain.

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Positive Actions Will Shine at Adelphia School

During this month, the educational support team at our school will be conducting numerous activities which focus around our monthly P.A.W.S challenge: **Be Courageous and Stand Up For What is Right.**

In this story, Lucy is one of a kind, and Ralph loves to point that out. Lucy's defining moment comes when Ralph truly needs her help. Because she knows what she stands for, Lucy has the courage to make the right choice. This story empowers children to always do the right thing and to be proud of themselves even when they are faced with someone as challenging as Ralph.

Below are a list of classroom discussions that can take place throughout the month.

- *Be proud of the person you are.
- *Always do the right thing and make good choices despite of how challenging something may be.
- *Use positive peer influence to help friends "do the right thing," too.
- *Bullying or teasing someone because others think it is funny, is not funny at all.
- *Be different and unique because that is what makes you special.
- *Ask an adult for help if you need it.

We encourage families to have discussions at home to reinforce the monthly challenge, as well.