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Amu and the Snake



Educator Guide

DISCUSSION

Ask these questions to the class as a whole or have students discuss in small groups. These questions encourage students to consider their interpersonal relationships and recognize the strength in our differences.

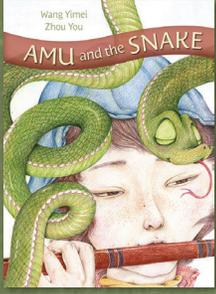
1. How did Amu and the snake become friends? Is this similar to how you made your friends?
2. Amu and the snake both love music, but show it in different ways. Think about your friends. How are you similar? How are you different?
3. Was Amu always a good friend to the snake? How do you show your friends you care about them?
4. The animals fled from the snake at first, but learned there was nothing to fear after seeing the snake's fun dance moves. Write about a time when you were afraid of something. What made you feel better?

SCIENCE CONNECTION

The star of this story is a snake. Introduce snakes and reptiles with the facts and questions below.

1. Snakes are reptiles. Reptiles are cold-blooded, which means their body temperature depends on the temperature of their surroundings. They have hard scaly skin, backbones, and at least one lung. What are some other reptiles? (For the educator's reference: lizards, turtles, alligators, and crocodiles.) Ask why students gave their answers.
2. Humans are mammals. Mammals are warm-blooded, meaning their body temperature is relatively constant and independent of their environment. Mammals also have hair or fur and produce milk for their young. What are the differences between mammals and reptiles?





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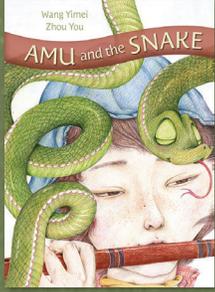
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Activities for Kids

LET'S DRAW

The snake was famous for its dance moves! Draw your own wriggling snake.



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THINGS I LIKE ABOUT MY FRIEND

Think of a friend. Write down three things you really like about them!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

WRITE THE CHINESE CHARACTER FOR SNAKE

The Chinese character for snake is 蛇 she. It is pronounced like the "sher" in sherbet.
Trace the character below, then practice writing it on your own!

蛇

