



Kids Book Club Kit | Darien Library

Craftily Ever After: The Un-Friendship Bracelet by Martha Maker

Recommended for grades K to 1

Summary: Best friends Emily and Maddie are so close that they spend most of their free time together, and wear matching friendship bracelets, too! One day, a new student named Bella Diaz shows up at Mason Creek Elementary. Maddie immediately befriends her, discovering that she too is really crafty. As Maddie and Bella spend more time together, Emily finds herself spending more time alone...until she realizes that the boy who's been sitting next to her in class this whole time loves to draw and create just like she does. When Emily's friendship bracelet falls off and Maddie doesn't even notice, Emily begins to think that maybe it was an un-friendship bracelet after all.



Discussion Questions:

1. When the new student Bella arrives in their class, Maddie steps in to introduce her to the school and Emily feels left out. Have you ever been left out by a friend? How did you feel?
2. How does Emily feel when she loses her friendship bracelet? Why does she think it might be an un-friendship bracelet?
3. On page 64, Sam encourages Emily to talk to Maddie about feeling left out. Why does he encourage her to talk to her friend? Have you ever talked to a friend about how you were feeling?
4. What happens when Emily finally tells Maddie that she's been feeling left out?
5. What do the friends end up doing with the old shed? Have you and your friends ever done a big project like that?
6. How does Emily end up getting a new friendship bracelet? Who else gets one?

Further Resources:

About the author: <http://www.ericaperl.com/about>

Activities

1. Can you make a best friend name mash-up, the way Maddie and Emily (MAD-ILY) do in the book?
2. Follow these instructions to make a potato clock, just like the characters in the book!
(<https://dar.to/31rNmif>)
3. Use the directions in the back of the book to make a friendship bracelet, just like Maddie and Emily's!