

Storytime Ideas

Los otros osos The Other Bears



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Book Title: The Other Bears/ Los Otros Osos

About the Book: Mother and Father Koala are suspicious of the "other bears." They don't like the panda bears' looks and they don't trust the polar bears. The black bears are too noisy and the brown bears have big teeth. But all their grumpiness melts away as they watch the littlest bears play together and realize that their similarities and common needs far outweigh their differences. The Other Bears is an eloquent tale about tolerance and acceptance that will appeal to readers of any age.

Storytime Activities:

Dress Up Fun! Use your imagination to dress up as a bear. Grab a fuzzy blanket or sweater.

What's in the Mystery Bag? Use your mystery bag to pull out pictures of different bears. Can you guess the name of each bear?

Whiteboard Activities: Draw a picture of your favorite bear from the story and share why you selected that bear.

Actions & Transitions:

- **Before Reading:**
 - Show the cover of the book. Ask: What animal do you see on the cover? Do the bears look similar? Do you know any bear names?
- **During Reading:**
 - Ask: Where are the Kolas visiting? Why do Mother and Father Koala react to the other bears so negatively at first? Can you name a few bears that arrived?
- **After Reading:**
 - Go back and look at each bear and describe the differences and similarities between the bears.
 - Now have the children share differences and similarities between themselves and others.
 - Review the fun facts listed about each bear inside the front and back cover of the book and find each of the bears proper names.

Vocabulary:

- Polar Bear
- Black Bear
- Koala
- Panda Bear
- Brown Bear
- Sun Bear