

Teacher Resources – Sunni and the Windy Day

Vocabulary

Word	Student-Friendly Definition
Blustery	Very windy with strong gusts.
Breeze	A gentle wind.
Gust	A sudden burst of wind.
Meadow	A large grassy field filled with wildflowers or plants.
Flutter	To move lightly through the air.

Twirl	To spin around.
Swirl	To move in circles.
Gentle	Kind, calm, or soft.
Courage	Being brave even when something feels scary.
Friend	Someone who cares for you and treats you kindly.
Curious	Wanting to learn more about something.
Listen	To pay close attention with your ears—and sometimes your heart.

Vocabulary Challenge

Can you use three vocabulary words to describe a windy day?

Writing Prompts

Kindergarten–1st Grade

Draw and Label

Draw yourself flying a kite. Write one sentence:

“On a windy day, I _____.”

1st–2nd Grade

If you could talk to the wind, what would you say?

2nd–3rd Grade

Sunni thought the wind was her enemy.

Write about a time when you misunderstood someone or something. What happened?

Creative Writing

Imagine the wind could write you a letter.

What would it say?

Opinion Writing

Do you think the wind was really trying to steal the kite?

Use details from the story to support your opinion.

SEL Discussion

Theme

Sometimes our first impression isn't the whole story.

Discussion Questions

- Why did Sunni become upset?
- How did she feel after losing her kite?
- What helped her calm down?
- Why is taking a deep breath helpful?
- What changed Sunni's mind about the wind?
- Have you ever thought someone wasn't nice, but later became your friend?
- Why is it important to stay curious instead of making quick judgments?
- How can we become better friends at school?

Classroom Connection

Create a class anchor chart.

Before I React...

I can:

- ✓ Stop
 - ✓ Breathe
 - ✓ Listen
 - ✓ Think
 - ✓ Try Again
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Science Extension

What Makes Wind?

Students discover that **wind is moving air**.

Materials

- Hair dryer (cool setting)
- Pinwheel

- Ribbon
- Feather
- Tissue paper
- Paper fan

Students predict:

Which object will move the easiest?

Then test each object.

Record observations.

Discuss:

- Which object moved the most?
- Which needed stronger wind?
- How do birds use wind?
- How do airplanes use wind?
- How does wind help plants?

Extension:

Go outside and become “Wind Scientists.”

Observe:

- Tree branches
- Clouds
- Flags

- Leaves
- Grass

Record observations in a Wind Journal.

Art Lesson

Dancing With the Wind

Inspired by Sunni's ribbon meadow

Materials

- Watercolor paper
- Watercolors
- Tempera paint
- Ribbon
- Yarn
- Tissue paper
- Oil pastels

Students:

1. Paint a windy sky.
2. Add a meadow.
3. Glue ribbons that extend off the paper.

4. Draw themselves dancing in the wind.
5. Add the sentence:

"The wind and I became friends."

Display all artwork together as one giant "Wind Meadow."

STEM Challenge

Build the Best Kite!

Challenge

Can you build a kite that catches the wind?

Materials

- Paper
- Plastic grocery bag
- Drinking straws
- Wooden skewers
- Yarn
- Tape
- Ribbon
- Hole punch
- Crayons

Students work in teams to design and test their kites.

After each test they improve their design.

Discuss:

- Which kite flew the highest?
- Which stayed in the air the longest?
- What changes made it work better?
- How did the ribbon tail help?

Engineering Design Process

Ask

Imagine

Plan

Create

Test

Improve

Cross-Curricular Connections

Reading

- Identify problem and solution.
- Compare fiction to nonfiction books about weather.
- Retell the story using sequence words.

Math

- Measure ribbon lengths.
- Graph favorite weather.
- Estimate how high the kite flew.

Science

- Observe weather for one week.
- Build a classroom wind sock.
- Learn about wind energy.

Social Studies

- Explore how people around the world use wind for sailing, farming, and generating electricity.

Music

- Listen to music that sounds like the wind.
- Use scarves or ribbons to create a “wind dance.”

Extension Activity

Wind Kindness Tree

On paper leaves, students complete the sentence:

"I can be a good friend by..."

Attach all the leaves to a classroom tree mural.

Just like Sunni learned, kindness helps friendships grow.

Teacher's Focus

Reading Skills

- Story elements
- Character change
- Theme
- Cause and effect
- Sequencing
- Making inferences

SEL Skills

- Emotional regulation
- Flexible thinking
- Perspective-taking
- Empathy

- Growth mindset
- Friendship skills

Science Concepts

- Weather
- Wind
- Force and motion
- Observation
- Engineering design

Essential Question

How can courage, curiosity, and kindness help us discover that something we feared might become a wonderful new friend?