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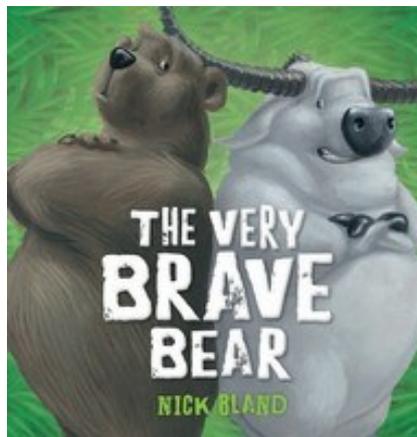
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Teacher Notes and Activities

The Very Brave Bear

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The Very Cranky Bear is back, and this time he's facing Boris Buffalo in a battle of bravery! But will something surprising send them both fleeing through the forest? Vibrant illustrations and a fun, engaging story make the book perfect for reading aloud. This is the fourth book about the delightful and endearing Very Cranky Bear.



Themes:

- Bravery
- Overcoming Fear
- Friendship/Companionship
- Outdoing each other

Discussion Points:

- What words would you use to describe Bear and Boris Buffalo?
- How does the body language and the facial expressions of Bear and Boris Buffalo as shown in the illustrations add to the story?
- Do you ever have the same body language or facial expressions as Bear or Boris Buffalo? If so, what makes you display that body language or expression?
- There is a little creature that makes an appearance on many of the pages. Do you know what it is? How many times does it appear in the story?
- What is the one thing that all of the animals in the story were really trying to have? Did they achieve this?
- Why are friendship and companionship so important to everyone?
- What do you like about being with your friends?
- Bear and Boris tried to 'out do' each other by showing how brave they were. Does this sort of thing happen between you and your friends? Explain.
- Share with the class a time when you tried to show someone else that you were brave.
- What were you expecting to be in the cave? Were you surprised by what they did find?

Activities:

- Write a story about Bear and Boris going on another adventure. You may like to make the setting of the story completely different. Include some illustrations in your story.