

Puddles Are For Jumping

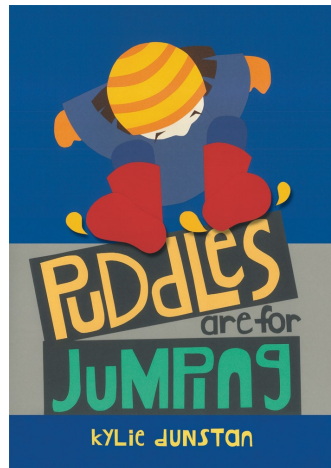
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Trees are for climbing... Swings are for flying... And puddles are definitely for jumping! Two little girls skip, swing, jump, climb, hop, bounce, twirl, wriggle and laugh through their day in this delightful celebration of children's play. Kylie Dunstan's lively, vibrant collage illustrations perfectly capture the excitement and joy of children discovering the pleasures of their everyday world, with all its adventures and fun.



Teacher notes have based on those supplied by the publisher, Windy Hollow Books.

Discussion Points & Activities:

- Do you like to jump in puddles? What is it that makes them fun?
- The book says that everything is for something, for example trees are for climbing and boots are for stomping. Go through the story together and come up with a different 'are' for each of the things mentioned, ie: trees are for giving shade or boots are for kicking a ball. See how many different ones you can come up with.
- *Puddles are for Jumping* describes a walk to the park and shops. Can you make up a similar style of story about your classroom? For example, books are for reading. Put all your sentences together to make a class book, making the most popular sentence the repetitive line in the book.
- Act out the different actions of the story. Can you think of other actions involved in going on a walk to the shops and park?
- Have you ever taken notice of the things that you see on the way to the shops or the park? Can you tell the class something interesting that you have seen?
- Kylie uses paper for her collages in the book's illustrations. Using plain coloured paper, create collage illustrations depicting the actions in your class book.
- To jump in puddles you need gumboots! Design your very own perfect pair of gumboots and have a display in your class.
- What are some other things that you associate with 'puddles'?
- Make your own mini umbrella using paper plates and icy pole sticks. Decorate these in the same style and pattern as your gumboots.