

Reading into Success Story Guides

Social Emotional Learning

Before Reading:

- Read the title aloud, along with the author and illustrator. Ask for a prediction on what the book will be about, after showing the cover.
- Do a picture walk by flipping through the pages looking at the illustrations. Let the child make observations. You do not have to read text, unless you want to draw attention to any special features.
- Have you ever been teased or made fun of?

During Reading:

- How did Chrysanthemum feel about her name at the beginning of the story? How do we know?
- What made Chrysanthemum change her feelings about her name?
- What could have caused Victoria, Jo, and Rita to say/do the things they did?

After Reading:

- How did Chrysanthemum handle the situation throughout the book?
- What made Victoria, Jo, and Rita change the way they act towards Chrysanthemum?

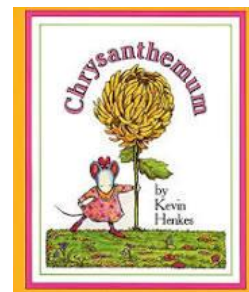
Putting into Practice:

- Have you ever been in a similar situation as Chrysanthemum?
- How would you feel if someone made fun of your name? What do you think you would do in the situation?
- What did you do if someone made fun of you in the past? How did it turn out?
- What can you do if you see someone making fun of another person?

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A storybook guide for **Chrysanthemum** written and illustrated by Kevin Henkes.

SEL

Competencies

Self-Awareness, Self-Management

Themes

Identity, Cultural Differences, Self-Love, Peer Relationships

Book

Description

Chrysanthemum loves her unique name until she heads to school.