

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 very excited about something? How would you describe being excited?

During Reading:

- Why are the fish at school upset with Clark the Shark?
- Does Mrs. Inkydink's advice for Clark work?

After Reading:

- What was Clark's strategy to help "stay cool"? Did it work? Why or why not?
- Why do Clark the Shark and Sid the Squid become instant friends?

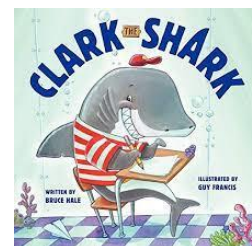
Putting into Practice:

- Is it okay to be excited? What happens if our excitement starts to hurt others? Is that okay?
- Why is it okay to be loud, run, talk, play, etc. in some places and not others? How do we know how to act if we have never been there? (*Look at what most others are doing.*)
- What can we do if we forget how to act? Is it okay to forget and then fix what we do, like Clark the Shark?

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A storybook guide for **Clark the Shark** written by Bruce Hale and illustrated by Guy Francis.

SEL Competencies

Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, Responsible Decision-Making

Themes

Self-Control, Friendship, School, Getting Along

Book

Description

Clark the Shark is very excited about life. Sometimes his excitement gets him trouble.