

## Activity #1

### Sharing Rules!

Amanda and Jeremiah's antics in *We Share Everything!* provide an amusing demonstration of inappropriate classroom behaviour. This activity gives children an opportunity to explore the reasons why we share in school, the kinds of things we share, and why it is important to have rules.

#### Curriculum Link:

Language Arts — effective story-writing tools, listmaking  
Social Studies — classroom rules and responsibilities  
Art — promotional art

#### Materials:

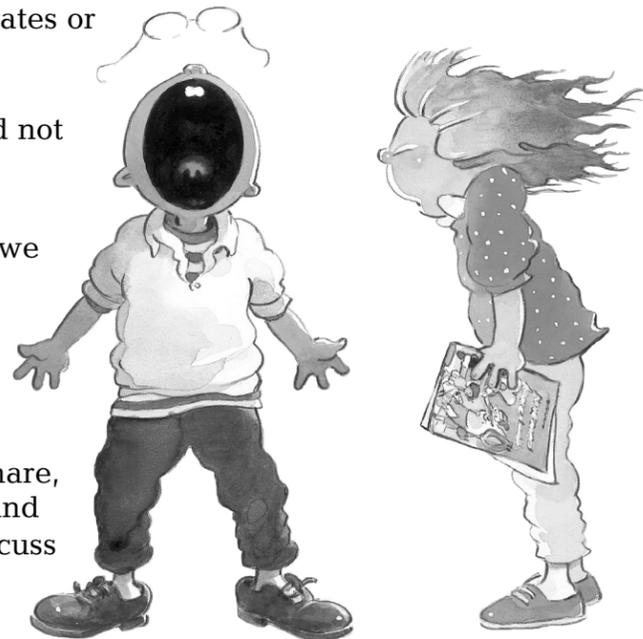
Large paper  
Coloured pencils or felt pens

#### Procedure:

1. Discuss what makes this story funny. Emphasize that Robert Munsch stories are often funny because he exaggerates or writes about things that are too ridiculous to ever happen. For example, children in class would not actually exchange their clothes.

2. Discuss what kinds of things we would share in a classroom (supplies, toys at centres) and what kinds of things we would not share (personal items).

3. Note that when they didn't share, Amanda and Jeremiah argued and did things that were unsafe. Discuss how the rest of the children in their class must have felt.



4. Explain that in order to avoid these situations, we have class rules. Brainstorm rules that the class should have and list them on chart paper. (Add some visual cues if necessary).

5. Ask students to choose one rule and illustrate it. They could be provided with a caption or write their own if appropriate.

#### Extensions:

- ☉ Students can draw a picture of Amanda and Jeremiah cooperating and sharing in their kindergarten class.
- ☉ Students could use magazines and other materials to make a collage about sharing.

