

Activity Suggestions for *Hunter's Best Friend at School*



Hunter Says!

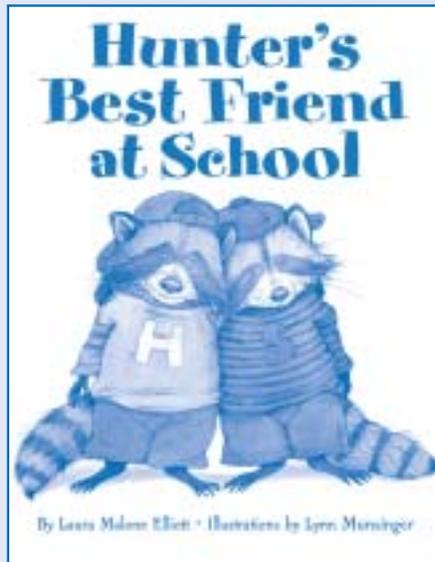
Have children stand up and assign a leader. The leader will ask the children to do different things (raise their hands, smile wide, jog in place) preceded by the words "Hunter says." If the leader doesn't say "Hunter says," then the children shouldn't follow the command. To tie this into the book more directly, the event coordinator should be the leader and use positive commands, like those examples mentioned above, when saying "Hunter says" and negative commands (stamp your feet, make an angry face, etc.) when Hunter doesn't say.

Best Friend Bracelets!

Materials you will need: Fruit Loop™-type cereal, string or yarn. Directions: Give each child a piece of string and some loops. Have the children string the loops onto the string to make a bracelet. Then encourage the children to trade with friends. Explain that you make a friendship bracelet to show your friends you care for them.

Hunter and Stripe Cookie

Serve one big cookie that all the kids have to share. Explain to the children that sharing is an important part of friendship.



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About the book

Hunter's Best Friend at School is an adorable story about two young raccoons, Hunter and Stripe, who are best friends. The story addresses the conflicts of peer pressure and helping a best friend to be his best self. Read the story aloud and then carry out the related activities.

Discussion Ideas

- Discuss the meaning of being a good friend and what qualities make someone a good friend.
- Ask the children what kind of activities they like to do with their friends.
- Ask children how it makes them feel when a friend misbehaves. Do they want to act out with their friend or help their friend be his best self? Have children share their experiences. Ask children how they'd help their friend behave better.

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Art Class

Hunter and Stripe make paper frogs in art. Stripe acts silly and shreds his frog into tiny pieces to throw like confetti. He convinces Hunter to copy his antics. Photocopy the reproducible frog coloring sheet on the back of this page and let children have fun making frogs to see that it's satisfying to complete an art project.

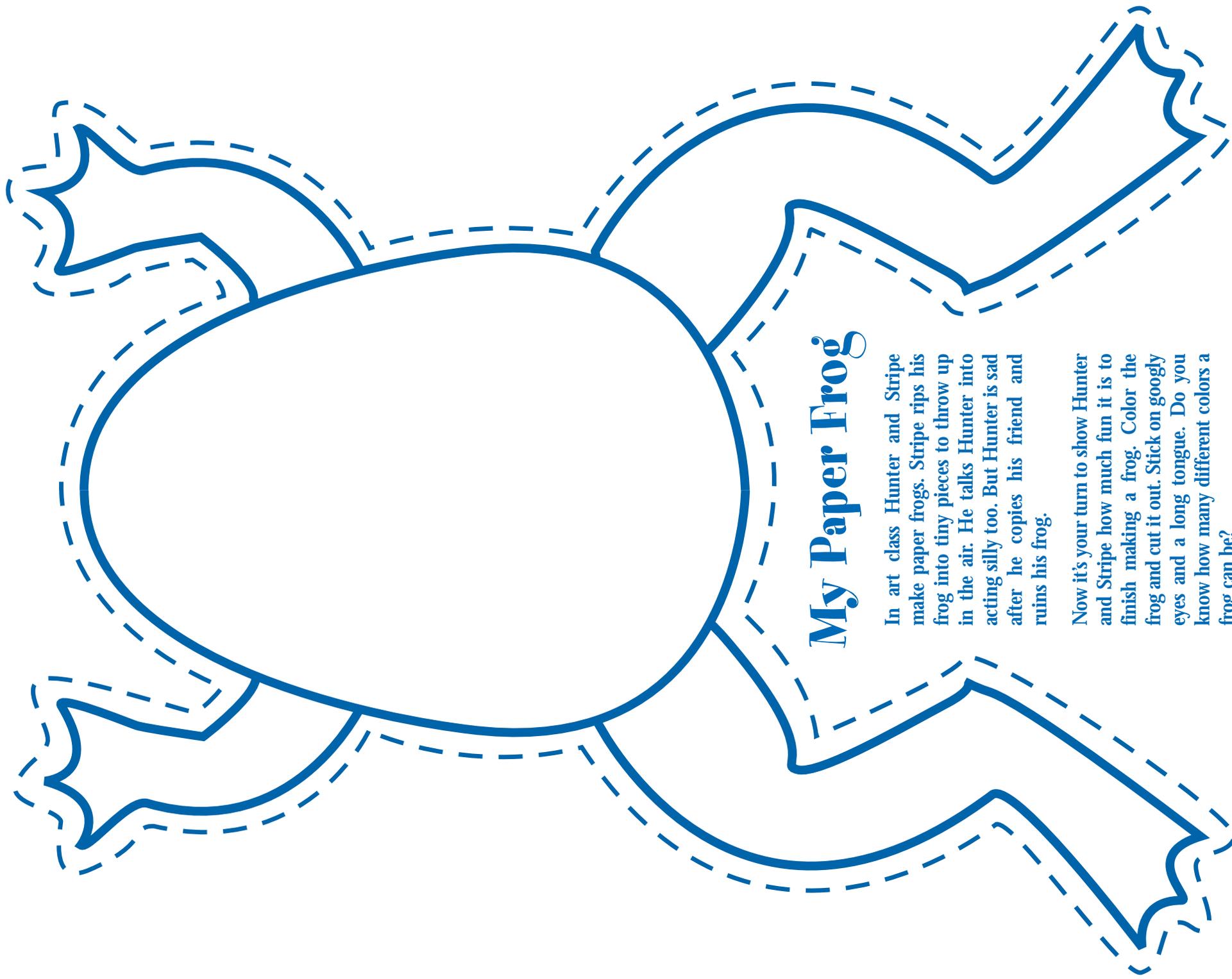
Sing a Song About Friendship

To the tune of: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

Love, love, love your friends,
Different as they seem.
Playing, laughing, joking, helping,
True friends are like a dream!



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My Paper Frog

In art class Hunter and Stripe make paper frogs. Stripe rips his frog into tiny pieces to throw up in the air. He talks Hunter into acting silly too. But Hunter is sad after he copies his friend and ruins his frog.

Now it's your turn to show Hunter and Stripe how much fun it is to finish making a frog. Color the frog and cut it out. Stick on googly eyes and a long tongue. Do you know how many different colors a frog can be?