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Book Tip Sheet

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We Are Friends in the Sky

Sue Downing

Cute book. Cute pictures. Short and sweet which is just right for little ones who are starting to share books. Your child can also enjoy exploring this book on their own—try putting it in front of them while they do tummy time or let them try holding it when sitting up.



BEFORE READING...



- ▶ Have your child on your lap while you hold the book where they can see it. Or if they're older and able to sit up, you could sit side by side on the floor or couch to read, making sure they can still see the book.
- ▶ Read the title and point to the pictures on the front cover. Say "Look it's the sun! And one, two, three raindrops. They're holding hands"

WHILE READING...



- ▶ The repetition of the sentences gives a lovely rhythm for little ones to listen to, even before they understand the words.
- ▶ Pause on the word "with" to highlight the rhythm of the story.
- ▶ Point to the pictures as you name each thing: the sun, the rainbow, the stars, etc.

AFTER READING...



- ▶ You can repeat this story in your everyday life. When the sun comes out after the rain you could say, "The sun is friends with the raindrops."
- ▶ Point out and name things when out with your child: the sun, different clouds, raindrops on trees, puddles on the ground, rainbows in the sky.
- ▶ Read every day before bedtime to help your child get ready for sleep.

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