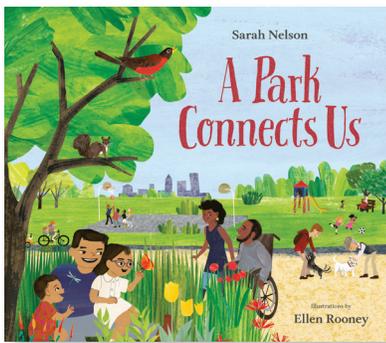


A Park Connects Us

Activity Guide by Sarah Nelson



Book written by Sarah Nelson and illustrated by Ellen Rooney

About the Book

This picture book excursion through a city park invites readers to discover how shared green spaces bring us together. This love letter to public parks depicts an inclusive and accessible space where community and nature flourish. Spread by spread, we see how urban parks are for everyone—whatever we are. Without a screen in sight, it gently hints at the adventures to be had offline and encourages readers to venture into nature and connect with their neighborhoods. Say hello. Share the playground. Ask someone to play.

Before You Read

1. What do you love about going to a park?
2. What would life be like if we didn't have our parks?

After You Read

1. How does the park in *A Park Connects Us* welcome its visitors?
2. Why is it important that everyone—whatever we are—is welcome at the park?
3. What is your favorite joyful page in the book? Why does it make you happy?
4. What is your favorite quiet page? How does it make you feel?
5. What critters do you see in the book?
6. How are birds, bugs, animals, and plants important to parks?
7. How does the park connect the people in the book?
8. Why do we need parks?
9. What do parks need from us?

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CURRICULUM LINKS

Social Studies: Local Communities; Global Communities

READING LEVELS

Grade: 1+

Fountas & Pinnell: 1

Lexile® Measure: AD470L

Reading Recovery Level: 16

Common Core: RL.1, W.1, SL.1, L.1



A Creative Scavenger Hunt

Take a family or classroom trip to your favorite park. Explore!
Search for people, places, and things that welcome, connect, bloom, zoom, and delight...



Can you find something at your park that welcomes people?



What zooms in your park?



How do people greet each other at your park?



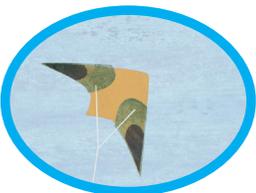
Can you find something that delights you?



What can you find at your park that spins?



Where is a place in your park to sit quietly?



What can you find at your park that blows in the wind?



Where is a place in your park that shelters?



What can you find at your park that bounces?



Who does your park feed?



What can you find at your park that rolls?



What is something your park needs?



What blooms in your park?



How does your park connect people?

Mapping the Park

Draw a map or picture of your park. Fill it with all your favorite park places, people, and things.
Where do you play? Where do you run, walk, or bike? Where do you relax?

