

Bright Star Touring Theatre

THE PIRATE OF BULLY BAY

Classroom Study Guide

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Empowering young mateys with the tools they need to stop a bully!

160,000 students
miss school every
day due to fear or
intimidation from
another student!
-NEA

ABOUT OUR SHOW!

AN ANTI-BULLYING ADVENTURE FROM THE HIGH SEAS!

Prepare ye mateys for one our most fun anti-bullying, swashbuckling adventures ever! Join Captain Catherine, the kindest pirate of the high seas, as she meets the bully Black 'Stache and must overcome his mean ways. This interactive adventure teaches your young crew the tools they need to stop a bully, using clever rhymes and one empowering sea shanty!

PIRATES?

We strive to create shows that entertain your young blokes and lasses without making the real lessons too obvious. We know that pirates capture nearly everyone's imagination so we combined our two favorite things. Pirates and anti-bullying lessons.

GRADES

This 45-minute production has been especially designed for grades in Pre-K-5th grade. This show is one of dozens that we tour throughout the world from our base in Asheville, NC!



One of our pirates!

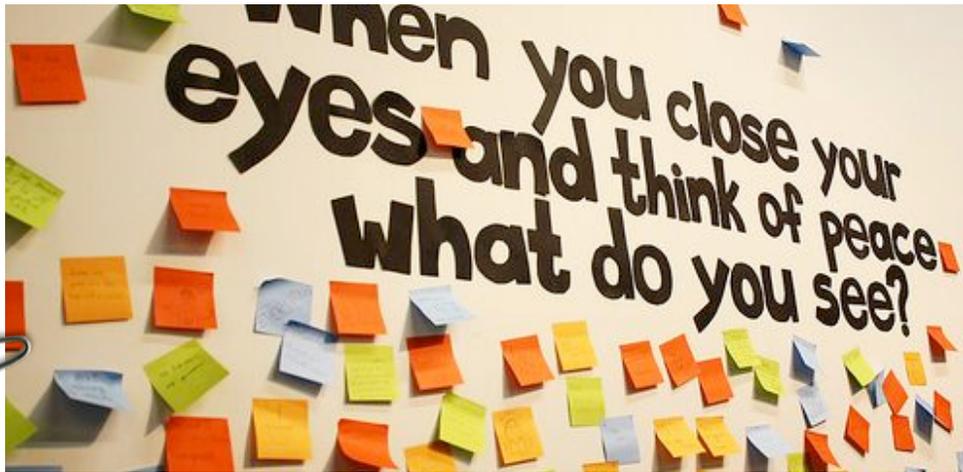


Bully Bay, to transport you outta the cafetorgymnaisum



A pirate flag. Yar!!!

1 out of every 10
students who drops
out of school does
so because of
repeated bullying.



Creative idea: Have students write down what they think of when they think of peace.



CLASSROOM IDEA: TREASURE MAP!

Enlist your students to create a treasure map of their school. Except have the students mark X's on areas of the school or playground where they think a little kindness should be placed. The idea is that by using these maps a pattern may show you the areas of the school where bullies are presently thriving.

CLASSROOM IDEA: PIRATE CODE OF CONDUCT

Clearly even pirates had to create rules to live by. Can your students come up with their own version of the Pirate Code of Conduct? What happens, when one of their fellow mates breaks this code?

CLASSROOM IDEA: CREATE A PIRATE ADVENTURE

Have your students create their own pirate adventure using their imagination and picking from a list of character education words. Have them create a short story or scene (especially if they're working in groups) that uses a group of pirates to teach a valuable lesson.

CLASSROOM IDEA: PIRATE TALK

Pirate talk has become so popular there's now even a day dedicated to it. Can your class get through a whole day of talking like a pirate without messing up?

CLASSROOM IDEA: VOCABULARY

For a lot of younger students the concept of bullying is difficult to understand. It's important to teach young people what a bully is and what they may do. It's equally important that students know two things: It's not their fault for being bullied and everyone in life gets bullied at sometime or another. So often it's so easy for students to feel like they have to experience this all alone.

CLASSROOM IDEA: BECOME A CAPTAIN!

One thing that has evolved in recent years is the idea that a bystander has a real powerful opportunity to step in and help someone when they see them getting bullied. Consider having your students create a drawing of a situation when a bystander could step in and what it is they could do in the moment.

A teacher in New York was teaching her class about bullying and gave them the following exercise to perform. She had the children take a piece of paper and told them to crumple it up, stamp on it and really mess it up but do not rip it. Then she had them unfold the paper, smooth it out and look at how scarred and dirty it was. She then told them to tell it they're sorry. Now even though they said they were sorry and tried to fix the paper, she pointed out all the scars they left behind. And that those scars will never go away no matter how hard they tried to fix it. That is what happens when a child is mean to another child. They may say they're sorry but the scars are there forever. The looks on the faces of the children in the classroom told her the message hit home.

Classroom Activities!

CLASSROOM IDEA: LET'S HAVE A CONVERSATION

Let's take time to process the play, it's message and what the students learned from the production. Did they all take the oath to stop bullying? Can they think of times in their own life when they were bullied? How did that make them feel? What are tools they learned to stop someone from bullying them? How can they help if they see someone being bullied?

CLASSROOM IDEA: EMOTIONS

Ask your students to write down the different names they have been called when they have been bullied. Then ask them to destroy that piece of paper and throw it away. Now have them write down all the words and nice things they want people to call them. What's the difference between doing those two projects--what emotions did they feel between them?

CLASSROOM IDEA: CREATE A BULLY BOX

Create a box in a handy area--like a hallway or the main office. This box should be used for students to anonymously report when they see bullying happening. It offers teachers and staff an opportunity to be aware of the bullying and hopefully offer help. It should include who is doing it, where it's happening, what is going on, etc.

CLASSROOM IDEA: POSTER PSA

Organize a classroom or school wide campaign to create anti-bullying themed posters. Messages should include ways to stop someone from bullying them and tips to people who are getting bullied. Showcase the posters around the school or community to keep enforcing the message that bullying is unacceptable and that students can seek help in these situations.

CLASSROOM IDEA: CAFETERIA TABLE SWAP

Have your students spend a week sitting with people in the cafeteria that they don't normally sit with. This fosters new friendships and may teach students lessons on diversity and acceptance.

CLASSROOM IDEA: ENFORCE KEY LESSONS FROM THE SHOW

Reiterate the key lessons from the show by asking students to talk more about what they mean and if they can abide by them:

- Walk away from the bully.
- Talk to an adult who can help.
- Keep a record of what's going on
- Try keeping friends nearby so you aren't alone.

What other lessons were part of the show? What does your school suggest students do to stay safe and bully free?

CLASSROOM IDEA: ARRRRRGUING

Teach young people that avoiding conflict may not always be possible. But engaging in bullying is never a good choice. What's the difference between the two and how can students handle either situation?



Remember the Pirate Golden Rule!

The only justification we have to look down on someone is because we're about to pick him up
-Jesse Jackson

Courage is fire and bullying is smoke.
-Benjamin Disraeli



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We travel the country in mini vans!

WHO ON EARTH IS BRIGHT STAR THEATRE?

Founded in 2003, Bright Star tours with a number of shows each season from anti-bullying to Black History and everything in between. The company strives to make professional theatre as accessible as possible with affordable pricing and quality shows. We thank you for the opportunity to serve your young audience and hope you found the show and actors pleasant and enjoyable! We strive to make theatre a part of every young person's life!

THEATRE DEFINITIONS

Actors: The people on stage that performed the play.

Backdrop: The background for the play.

Props: Anything that an actor holds while on stage--a cane, book or rubber chicken.

Downstage: the area closest to the actors--a long time ago stages were built at angles.

Upstage: The area away from the audience--like the back wall of a stage.

Director: The person who told the actors where to go while they were on-stage and helped them create the characters they would play.

Costumes: The wigs, clothing and glasses that the actors wore to help flush out their characters.

Auditions: How an actor gets a role is by auditioning, they may have to interview, pretend to be a character from the play, read something from it, etc.

Set designer: The person who decided what should be on the background and who painted or created it.

CONTACT US ANYTIME

Connect with us anytime! We love hearing feedback, thank you cards, pictures and whatever else from you and your students. David@brightstartheatre.com is our founder's email. If you have an experience you'd like us to know about--please take the time to let us know!

Our actors average around 1,000 miles a week traveling the country to entertain young audiences.

Our company is owned by an Emmy winning Actor.

Our programs have been seen around the country and across the world!