
Marley's First Day



Marley's First Day was created to help young children understand that everyone communicates differently. Marley is a young girl with a speech delay who is nervous about starting school and finding the words to connect with her new friends.

Through Marley's story, children learn the importance of patience, kindness, inclusion, and friendship. The story also encourages classmates to give children who have difficulty communicating the time and support they need to express themselves.

Teacher Resources Available:

Educators can extend Marley's story with classroom discussion questions, vocabulary activities, social-emotional learning activities, communication supports, and hands-on lesson ideas designed for young learners.

Most importantly, remind children: We don't have to speak the same way to play, learn, and be friends.

Marley was nervous, but her heart was full of dreams,
But words she struggled to get out, so it seemed.
She wanted to play, to laugh, and to say,
"Hello, friends!" on her first school day.