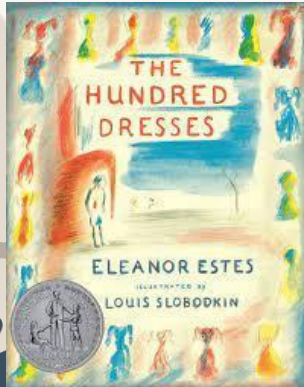


Earhart Literacy

Community

THE HUNDRED DRESSES

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FRIENDSHIP:

WHAT IS A FRIEND?

In *The Hundred Dresses*, Wanda has moved from Poland and has no friends in Connecticut. She wants nothing more than a friend in Room 13. As a class, create a list of traits describing a good friend.





Have you ever tried to become friends with someone new or if someone has ever tried to become their friend. When? How could they tell? What did they do?

What advice would you have for someone who is trying to make a new friend based on the traits of a good friend you have discussed.

Telephone

Rumors are the source for a lot of misunderstanding in *The Hundred Dresses*. This activity explores gossiping and the harm it can cause.

Students must sit in a circle or stand in a straight line. They need to be close enough that whispering is possible, but not so close that players can hear each other whisper. The first person in the line or circle whispers a word or phrase into the ear of the person sitting or standing to their right. Players whisper the phrase to their neighbors until it reaches the last player in line. The last player says the word or phrase out loud so everyone can hear how much it has changed from the first whisper at the beginning of the circle or line.



After the game

QUESTIONS

- 01** What happened with the phrases?
- 02** How is this like gossip in the school?
- 03** How does gossip cause feelings to be hurt?
- 04** What can we do to eliminate gossip?

Friendship chain

In the story of *The Hundred Dresses*, we learn that the hundred dresses are beautiful drawings showing many different dresses.

Your final task is to create a self portrait including the details of your clothing, hair, facial features, etc. Cut out your portrait and attach it to another's, and create a friendship chain to hang in your classroom.

