

Title of Book: Pearl's New Skates

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Genre: Fantasy

SYNOPSIS OF STORY:

Pearl receives a pair of skates for her birthday and she can't wait to try them out. Her Grandma makes her a red skating skirt. When the ice finally freezes over, Pearl goes out to skate but when she steps onto the ice she falls down. Every time Pearl tries to move she falls. She doesn't want to skate again so she gives up. Her Uncle came over and offered to help Pearl learn how to skate in the morning when nobody is around. Pearl learns to skate after falling down a few more times. She then feels like she can skate with her friends.

THEME:

Once you fall down you have to get back up and try again.

ACTIVITY ONE:

Source: Original

Objective: To show students that not everyone is good at something from the start but when you practice that you can get better.

Description of Activity: The teacher can take the students to a skating rink and have them try out ice skating. Some of the students might be good at skating and others might fall down and have to try again. Tell the students before hand that nobody is going to laugh at each other and that if the students that can skate well want to help out those who have never skated then they will be like Pearl's uncle in the story. Our goal is to get everyone to at least skate for a little while without falling down.

ACTIVITY 2:

Source: Original

Objective: To show students that they can complete tasks with a little of time and effort that they never thought they could finish.

Description of Activity: The students will be asked to do something to do something over a week that is new or something that they will be having trouble with. The teacher will have them make goals on Monday of something that they can work on that they gave up on, like getting all their math facts done in the time, or getting homework done for the week. At the end of the week on the next Monday, that teacher will ask them if they completed their goal of doing something new or completing something they gave up on.