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Trade Book Sheet

Title of book: Alex, the Kid with AIDS

Author's name: Linda Walvoord Girard

Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company

Copyright year: 1991

Reading level: Grade 4

Genre: Multicultural

Synopsis of story: This is the story of Alex, a little boy who has AIDS. He is in a new town and a new school but the community finds out he has AIDS. At first Alex doesn't act like he needs to pay attention or behave in school because he is sick. He and his new friend Michael get into trouble when they write a poem that is not very nice about one of their teachers. All through the book questions about AIDS is asked and answered. Eventually, Alex is accepted and is treated like all of the other students in the classroom.

Standard: Health 5.7.1 Describe a variety of ways to convey accurate health information and ideas.

Activity: Healthy t-shirts

Materials

- A t-shirt for each student
- Paints for material/cloth

Procedure

After reading and discussing the story explain to students that they are going to make a t-shirt that states a fact about AIDS, such as ways you cannot get it. Each student will have the opportunity to go back to the center and complete their t-shirt. The shirt will be worn on World AIDS Day, December 1.

Standard: 3.5.3 Write personal, persuasive, and formal letters, thank-you notes, and invitations that:

- Show awareness of the knowledge and interests of the audience.
- Establish a purpose and context.
- Include the date, proper salutation, body, closing, and signature.

Activity: After reading the story, discussing AIDS and possibly doing individual research the students will write a letter to a new (fictional) student coming to their classroom who they have learned has AIDS.