

Pre/Post Activities

Use these activities to accompany the author's reading on RallytoRead.org.

Standards: CCRA.R.2, CCRA.SL.1, CCRA.W.3, Well-Being (SEL)



BARNES & NOBLE

Storytime Pick

Yay!

Author: Jessica Kulekjian

Illustrator: Zara González Hoang

Grades: PK-1

Pre-Reading Activity

Tell students they are going to hear a story about a class of friends.

Show the cover and read the title aloud.

As a class, predict what the story might be about using the title and illustration.

Use these guiding questions:

- What do you think this book will be about?
- What clues can you find in the title or cover illustration?
- When do you normally say “Yay”?
- Why do people say “Yay”? What feelings are connected to it?

Post-Reading Activity

In this story, kids celebrate the little moments of learning, growth, and effort with a big “Yay!”

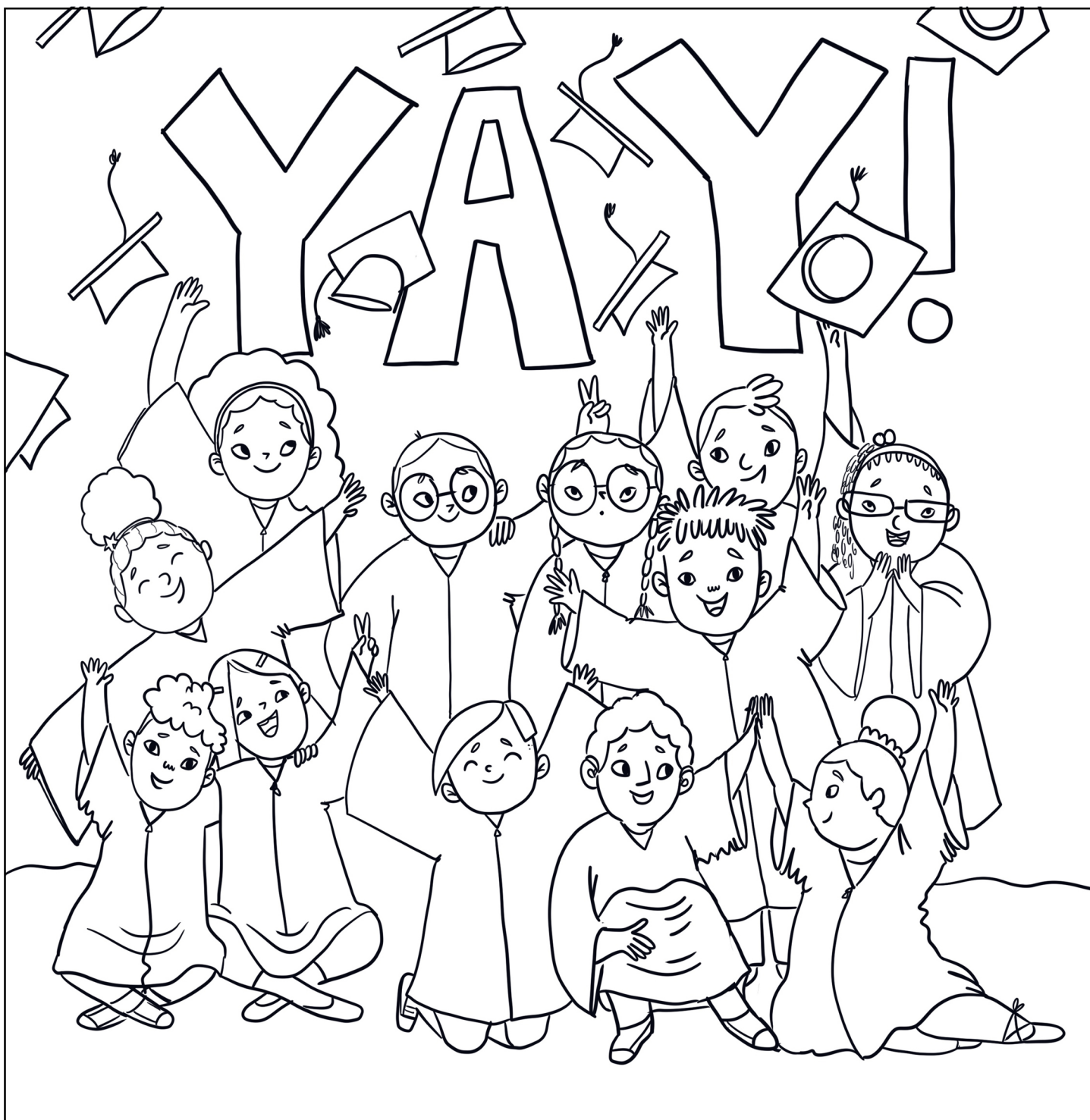
Talk as a class about what happened in the story:

- What are some of the activities the children learned or practiced?
- What is the main idea or message of the story?
- How did the children feel during these moments? Why?
- Why do you think it's important to celebrate small steps and progress?

Everyone has something they're learning or working on!

What is something you are working on right now—at school, at home, or in your community?

What steps have you taken? What small successes or “Yay!” moments have you had along the way? How did those moments make you feel?



YAY!

WORDS BY JESSICA KULEKJIAN

PICTURES BY ZARA GONZÁLEZ HOANG

YAY! ISBN: 978-1547609215

TEXT COPYRIGHT © 2025 JESSICA KULEKJIAN • PICTURES COPYRIGHT © 2025 ZARA GONZÁLEZ HOANG

YAY, YOU DID IT!

WRITE OR DRAW EVERYONE WHO SAYS **YAY!** FOR YOU:

YAY! ISBN: 978-1547609215

TEXT COPYRIGHT © 2025 JESSICA KULEKJIAN • PICTURES COPYRIGHT © 2025 ZARA GONZÁLEZ HOANG