



Pixel Power!

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Friendship, Confidence, STEM

Book Brief: A story about a girl who creates a virtual creature through coding and discovers the power of friendship!

Author:
Storytime

Illustrator:
Vanessa Morales

BEFORE READING

The Cover: Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover and title.

The Pictures: Take a quick picture walk and ask students what they notice about the illustrations.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "Have you ever felt lonely, even when you were around other people? What helped you feel better?" (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying Vocabulary Guide.

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about what Gabi enjoys, what special project she creates, and how her friendship with Pixel helps her."



Think Aloud: "Gabi enjoys coding and creating, and her special project helps her make Pixel. Pixel becomes important to Gabi because it helps her feel more confident. The lesson is that noticing when someone feels alone and talking to them can make a real difference."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What types of things does Gabi enjoy?
- Why does Gabi get assigned a special project?
- What does she create? How?
- How does Pixel help Gabi become more confident?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What did Gabi enjoy and create? How did Pixel help Gabi become more confident?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "What did Gabi create using coding? How did her creativity help her make a friend?" Tell students to think about a project or creation they could make that might help them connect with others or solve a problem. Have them make their creation and share about it with a friend.

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