

Teacher's guide

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Materials Needed for the Rooster Puppet Theater Project:

1. The book "Rooster Can't. . .," by Karen Rostoker-Gruber
2. Worksheet 1 (coloring sheet with farm scene)
3. Rooster Readers Theater Script
4. One cut out of a farm animal for each student
5. Crayons
6. Scissors
7. Glue stick
8. Popsicle stick

In Karen Rostoker-Gruber's book, "Rooster Can't. . .," Rooster has a sore throat and cannot wake up Farmer Ted to do the daily chores. The animals know that all the chores need to be completed before sunset and the only way that will get done is if they work together.

After you have read the book, "Rooster Can't. . .," to the class you can begin to discuss the ways in which the animals cooperated in order to complete all the barnyard chores.

Here's what you need to do for the *Rooster Puppet Theater*:

- Split the class into three or four sections making sure that each student has an animal part.
- Make sure that each section has a copy of the script.
- To challenge the class, have them come up with an alternative ending to "Rooster Can't. . ." Have the students come up with another way in which the animals cooperate to help Farmer Ted get his chores done and have them act that skit out with their puppets.

Materials Needed for Get-Well Cards to Rooster:

1. Blank piece of white paper folded in half
2. Crayons

Here's what you need to do for the *Get-Well Cards for Rooster*:

- Have each student design a get-well card for Rooster.
- Have each student come up with a get-well rap or rhyme for Rooster
- OR Have each student come up with a get-well remedy, or a recipe for cooperation and friendship for Rooster.

Friendship Recipe Example:

For a good friend combine all of these ingredients

- ½ cup thoughtfulness
- 2 liters of forgiveness
- 750 squeezes of laughter
- 800 pounds of fun
- 5 cups of dependability
- 1 kilo of fairness

This recipe will make us friends forever