



One Last Snoot Boop

EDUCATOR & DISCUSSION GUIDE

For Ages 3–8 | Picture Book | Themes: Friendship, Loyalty, Grief, Family

About the Book

One Last Snoot Boop is a gentle, rhyming picture book that follows the life of Cuthbert, a beloved family dog. From mischievous puppyhood to his final moments surrounded by love, the story offers young readers a comforting way to explore connection, loss, and remembrance.

Featuring a two-dad household, the story reflects the diversity of modern families while focusing on universal themes of love and belonging.

Discussion Questions

Before Reading

- What makes a pet part of a family?
 - What does it mean to take care of someone?
 - Have you ever had to say goodbye to something or someone important to you?
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During Reading

- How does Cuthbert show love to JJ and Matt?
 - How do JJ and Matt show love to Cuthbert?
 - What are some funny or silly things Cuthbert does?
 - Why do you think the “snoot boop” is special?
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After Reading

- How did the family know it was time to say goodbye?
 - What feelings might JJ and Matt be experiencing?
 - Why does the story say Cuthbert is still with them?
 - What are ways we remember someone we love?
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Social-Emotional Learning Connections

This book supports:

- Identifying and naming feelings
- Understanding grief in age-appropriate language
- Recognizing loving relationships
- Building empathy
- Understanding that families can look different

Teachers may wish to introduce vocabulary such as: **love, loyalty, memory, comfort, goodbye, forever.**

Classroom Activities

1. Memory Paw Prints

Students draw or write about a pet, person, or special memory that makes them feel loved. Display as a classroom “Wall of Love.”

2. Feelings Chart

After reading, ask students:

- How did Cuthbert feel?
- How did JJ and Matt feel?
- How did you feel?

Create a simple feelings chart using words and facial expressions.

3. What Makes a Family?

Invite students to draw their family. Emphasize that families can look different but share love and care.

4. Gentle Writing Prompt (Grades 1–2)

“If I had a dog like Cuthbert, we would...”

Encourage imagination and joy alongside reflection.

Supporting Children Through Pet Loss

When discussing pet loss:

- Use clear language such as “died” rather than confusing euphemisms.
- Allow space for questions.
- Validate feelings without trying to “fix” them.
- Reassure children that sadness and love can exist together.

If a child has recently experienced loss, follow school guidance counselor protocols as needed.

Extension Opportunities

- Invite students to create a “Snoot Boop Promise” where they share one way they show kindness to someone.
 - Pair with a lesson on caring for animals responsibly.
 - Use as part of a broader SEL unit on emotions and coping.
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About the Author

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