

FALL PARTNER PLAY BUNDLE

4 different levels

Teacher's guide

Grades 2-4

Oak Tree: Do you realize how ridiculous you sound?
Sammy: You're the one telling me my tail is too fluffy! You sound ridiculous.

Oak Tree: You're right. That's not the real reason that we don't want you squirrels. You eat too many acorns.

Sammy: Now you've gone too far!
Oak Tree: No, you go too far! You eat so many acorns that you leave no room left to grow into new trees.

Sammy: I never knew that bothered you oak trees so much.

Oak Tree: Of course it does! That's our job, as trees. We have to make new trees so we have a forest full of life.

Sammy: So that's why you don't even allow squirrels to live here.

Oak Tree: Yes. We have learned our lesson. Squirrels are not welcome here.

Sammy: What if I made a deal with you?

Oak Tree: What kind of a deal?

Sammy: The kind we both like.

Oak Tree: I'm listening.

Sammy: How about you let me live here...

Oak Tree: That doesn't sound like much of a deal.

Sammy: Wait! I'm not done yet.

Oak Tree: Ok, what's the rest of the deal?

Sammy: Well, if you let me live here, I won't eat your acorns.

Oak Tree: How many is too many?

Sammy: I'll only eat...eight acorns a day.

Oak Tree: Eight? You might as well eat a million.

Sammy: Ok, ok! How about...six?

Oak Tree: You're getting warmer...

Sammy: Four? Sheesh. I'll be the skinniest squirrel in the forest.

Oak Tree: Four...four...I think we can make that deal.

Sammy: You only eat four acorns a day.

Oak Tree: I think I can do it. I'll be hungry, but I'll be happy.

Sammy: I think I can do it. I'll be hungry, but I'll be happy.

Oak Tree: Well, maybe you can have one special weekend treat.

Sammy: That's great. Big Oak Tree! You won't regret this.

A Home for Sammy

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Cast
Sammy the Squirrel
The Big Oak Tree



Setting: The leaves have fallen off most of the trees in the forest. Sammy the Squirrel is wandering through the forest, looking for a place to make his home.

Sammy: Where, oh, where in this grand forest will I make my home? I've been wandering for days and no one wants to take me in!

Oak Tree: [Laughs to himself] Oh, look at this silly little squirrel hoping that someone will take him in.

Sammy: [Looking up at the Oak Tree] What did you say, Big Oak Tree? Did you invite me in?

Oak Tree: I did not.

Sammy: But I heard you say something!

Oak Tree: I called you a silly squirrel.

Sammy: What? But why would you do that?

Oak Tree: Because you're wandering from tree to tree, hoping that someone will invite you to live there.

Sammy: Well, sure I am. I'm just a little squirrel, looking for a place to make my home.

Oak Tree: You will not find it here.

Sammy: Why not?

Oak Tree: Because we trees do not enjoy the company of squirrels.

Sammy: How can you not enjoy our company? We squirrels are wonderful animals!

Oak Tree: No.

BUZZING
with Ms. B

8 DIFFERENT SCRIPTS FOR TWO READERS!

WHAT TEACHERS LOVE ABOUT THESE PLAYS

"These are perfect for morning work or center work! They are also ideal for partner practice. My students love them!"

"Always a hit! I love seeing the confidence my students get from a Partner Play."

"These are terrific short plays for a quick drama lesson."

"Just what I was looking for. Thank you for adding stage directions to your reader's theater. Makes these perfect for teaching drama!"





EIGHT PARTNER PLAYS

The Bumpy Pumpkin

Cast

Bumpy Pumpkin
Piper Pumpkin

Setting: A pumpkin patch. A group of students on a field trip is running amok. The pumpkins sit on the edge of a tractor trailer covered in hay.

Piper Pumpkin: Oh my gosh, Bumpy! Can you believe it's already fall?

Bumpy Pumpkin: [glumly] Oh, I can believe it. Just look around us.

Piper Pumpkin: Yeah, look all around us!

Bumpy Pumpkin: [Rolls his eyes] I can't believe you actually like this.

Piper Pumpkin: What do you mean? We're surrounded by kids who are racing around and laughing, having the time of their lives!

Bumpy Pumpkin: They are so obnoxiously loud.

Piper Pumpkin: They're giggling and climbing the tire tower, jumping in the bounce house, and lining up to paint a pumpkin!

Bumpy Pumpkin: I know. Isn't it awful?

Piper Pumpkin: Why would it be awful? They're having the best time!

Bumpy Pumpkin: [sighing] Yes, they are, but do they have to do it here?

Piper Pumpkin: Of course they have to do it here! This is the pumpkin patch. It's the hallmark of fall, and once kids come here, they know the best season of all has begun.

Bumpy Pumpkin: You are way too happy about all of this.

Piper Pumpkin: Bumpy, how are you not more excited? We have finally reached the big time! We're the pumpkins on the hay ride! The kids get to choose from us to take home a special pumpkin to remember their trip!

Bumpy Pumpkin: I know all about it. At the end of the hay ride, each child spends ten minutes browsing through the pumpkins, looking at each one and choosing their favorite. They pick the color they want, the size they want, the shape they want...and the texture they want.

Bumpy Pumpkin: Think about it. When a kid draws a pumpkin on a piece of paper...is it ever bumpy?

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entertaining play

✓ Build
comprehension

✓ Start your day with
a reading warmup

✓ Print and go





USE THESE PLAYS FOR...



✓ Morning warm-up

✓ Fluency center or station

✓ Daily practice

✓ Repeated readings

✓ Ready to go activity to warm up small groups - differentiate!

✓ Holiday parties and fun days

