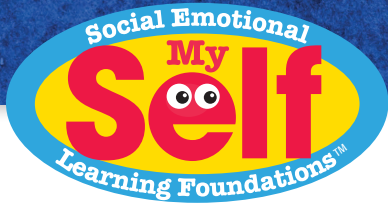


# We Support Each Other

by Kimberly Feltes Taylor • illustrated by Pauline Gregory





**SET THEME:**

## **I Treat Others Well**

### **Build Social and Emotional Intelligence**

To help children support others:

- Discuss why supporting others is important.
- Brainstorm different ways family members, friends, and classmates can support each other.
- Remind them that supporting others involves thinking about other people and recognizing when they might need support.

**Executive Editor:** Kellie Cardone

**Creative Director:** Laurie Berger

**Associate Creative Director:** Debbie Lofaso


**Photo Director:** Cynthia Carris

**Senior Photo Editor:** Amy McNulty

**Photo Credits:** Front Cover, Inside Front Cover, Inside Back Cover, BackCover: Stanislav Pobytov/Getty Images

© Newmark Learning, LLC. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopy, recording, or any information storage or retrieval system, without permission in writing from the publisher.

Printed in Guangzhou, China.  
XXXXXXXXXX

ISBN: 978-1-4788-7770-7 

## **How to Read This Book with Children**

- 1** Read aloud the title. Discuss what it means to support others.
- 2** Read aloud the book with children.
- 3** Talk about how each of the characters felt supported by other characters as you read.
- 4** Ask children to describe how they feel when others support them.
- 5** After reading, use the Real-World Wrap-Up prompts to discuss the pledge.
- 6** Guide children to connect the story to their own experiences.


# We Support Each Other

by Kimberly Feltes Taylor • illustrated by Pauline Gregory



Everyone is at the community center.





What should we do?

Yes! Play basketball!

Play basketball!

The twins can't  
play basketball.


That's right!

Let's do something  
that includes them.

Noodles!  
Great idea.

Yes! Thank you!






Let's go swimming!

But Peanut and Sunny can't get their casts wet.

Oh, right.





Let's play  
volleyball!

You can't do that  
with a broken arm.



I know! Today is Friendship Day.

It is?



Yes! Let's celebrate  
our friendships.


Great idea!

Let's write what we like  
about our friendships.

I'll list them here.

Beans tells how Noodles played catch with him when the others left him out of their baseball game.






That was nice of  
you, Noodles!

I care

Pickle tells how Beans encouraged the team during their first Little League practice.

We appreciate  
you, Beans!





It's important to  
tell people you  
appreciate them!

I care


I appreciate you

Guppy describes the time Tulip tried on her silly-looking sunbrella hat.

Tulip accepted me for who I am. That felt great!







It's important  
to accept  
our differences.

I care

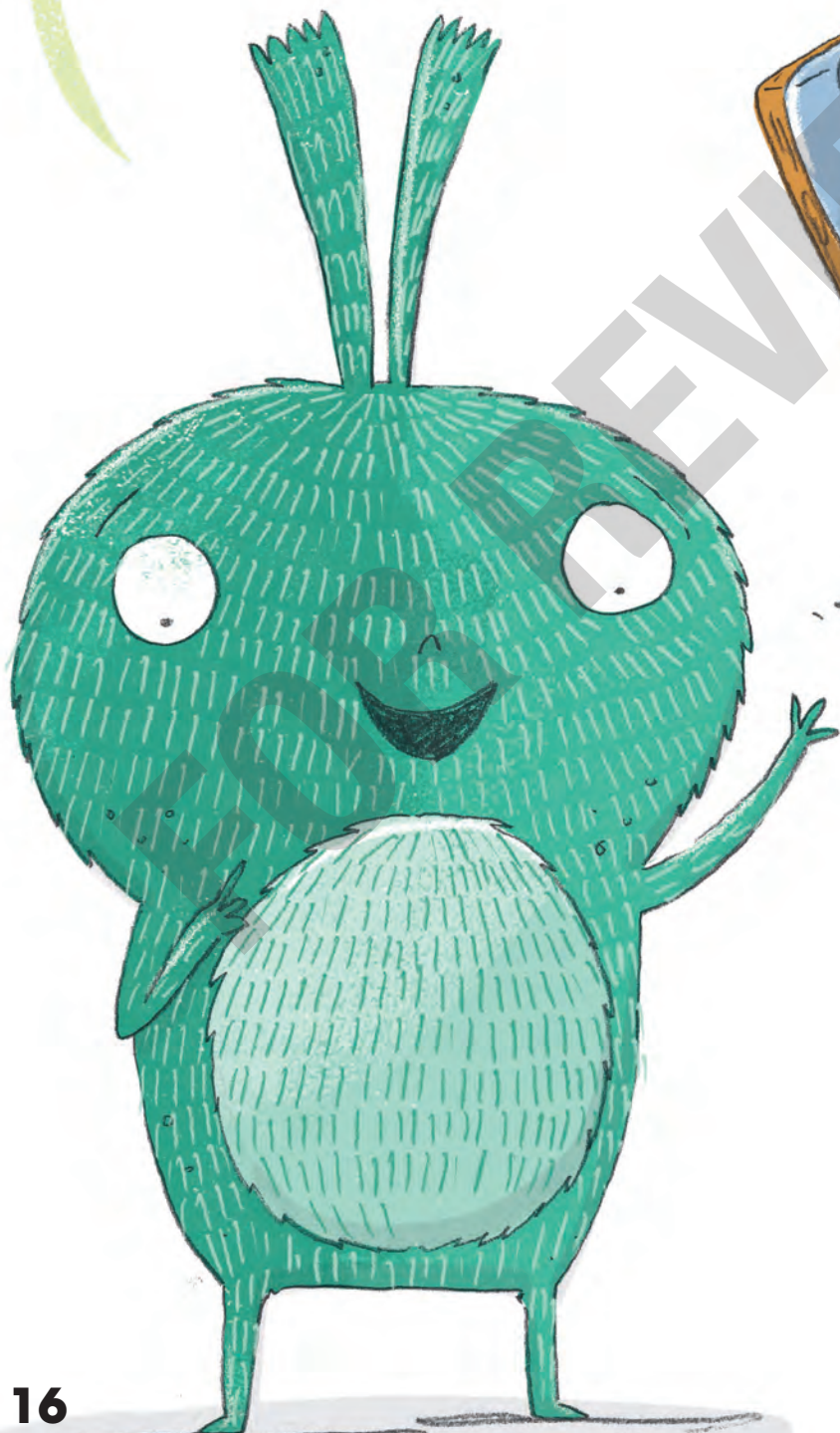
I appreciate you


I accept others

Tootie tells how Guppy included her in a game of pool hoops.

It felt nice to be included!

Yeah, even though I forgot you at first. Sorry!





No one wants to  
be left out!

I care

I appreciate you

I accept others


I include others

Tulip tells how Tootie reminded her about their secret handshake.



I always want  
to respect  
other monsters'  
boundaries.





It's important to tell each other our boundaries.  
And respect other monsters' boundaries.

I care

I appreciate you

I accept others


I include others

I respect boundaries

Wow! We're really  
great friends!

We are!

We support each  
other in many ways!



Supporting each other  
is very important! That's  
what good friends do!

I care

I appreciate you

I accept others

I include others

I respect boundaries

We support each other

Let's turn the list  
into a pledge.

By taking the pledge, we  
promise to keep treating  
each other well.





What's a pledge?

A pledge is a promise to keep doing something.

Let's take the pledge!

Yes!

I care

I appreciate you

I accept others

I include others

I respect boundaries

We support each other.

We all take the pledge.

It's so nice when we support each other!



## Real-World Wrap-Up

### My Thoughts:

Read the pledge below. How might taking this pledge help you treat others well?



### My Feelings:

How do you feel when you treat others well? How do you feel when they treat you well?



Everyone is at the community center. It's raining, so they have to stay inside. Can they think of something to do that doesn't leave out Peanut and Sunny—who broke their arms after falling off their bicycle for two?



**Social and emotional intelligence** comprises the abilities and character traits that enable people to work with others, learn effectively, and play important roles in their families and communities.

## I Treat Others Well

This set focuses on treating others well and shows children how to accept others and treat them with respect and kindness.

