

# Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel

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**Synopsis:** Dyamonde Daniel may be new in town, but that doesn't stop her from making a place for herself in a jiffy. With her can-do attitude and awesome brain power she takes the whole neighborhood by storm. The only thing puzzling her is the other new kid in her class. He's awfully grouchy - but Dyamonde's determined to get to the bottom of his frowning attitude and make a friend.

## Note to readers:

- Characters from The World of Dyamonde Daniel can be found on pages 8-10.
- Discussion Questions can be found on page 69.

## Discussion topics for *before* reading:

- Can you guess what Dyamonde Daniel's favorite subject is?
- Do you have a favorite subject in school?
- Have you been the new student at school? Or have you tried befriending a new student at school?

## Vocabulary

- Mumbled – say something quietly, making it difficult for others to hear.
- Sturdy – strong enough to withstand rough work or treatment.
- Clenched – of the fingers or hand, closed in a tight ball. Of the teeth, pressed tightly together.
- Glare – stare in an angry or fierce way.
- Grouchy – irritable and bad-tempered; grump; complaining.

## Discussion topics for *during/after* reading:

- Do you miss sitting with your friends at lunch? What do you usually eat for lunch?
- Have you stood up for one of your classmates before? Or have you had a classmate stand up for you in the past?
- Do you have a nickname? Is it a name only family calls you by?
- Do you like to share your favorite book, sports, color, and what you collect with your friends at school?
- Have you had to say goodbye to a friend before?

## Craft ideas:

- Draw a picture of you and your friends from school and write a short description of what you like to do together.
- It's Father's Day later this month! (June 20th) Using the whiteboard, draw a Father's Day Card. Or, draw a Father's Day card for you grandfather, father, uncle, or someone who has been like a father to you.
- Check our craft ideas on Pinterest!  
<https://www.pinterest.com/readingtokids/june-2021-friendship-fun/>

## Special activities:

- Volunteers can read jokes to the students (Dyamonde likes to say, "Hay is for horses" after someone says "Hey!"): <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/g28581033/best-jokes-for-kids/>

\*Note: These craft ideas are just suggestions. You **can** use them, but you don't **have** to use them. You can expand upon them, or add your own twist. Remember, though, that the focus of your time should not be on the development and execution of a craft; the focus should be on the read-aloud and the enjoyment of the book!

