

## **Grade 1: Dance, Drama and Critical Literacy**

### **BLM #13 Park Friends Prompts**

Allow time for discussion between each prompt and let students respond and ask questions in role. Feel free to add other ways this character could use the park. These are some suggestions to get you started. Improvise!

#### **Local Dad in the Park**

1. Hi kids! Thanks for having me visit your class today. I am really upset about the park. I use the park everyday for my walk with Junior in the stroller. I take Junior to the swing set and he goes for a swing in the baby swings. Then we sit in the shade on the grass under that lovely old tree that fell on a blanket and have our snack.
2. I need the washroom change table to be clean and accessible to change Junior's diaper. Now, I can't get my stroller inside the washroom. I can't do any of these things. I have to go home to use the washroom.
3. We also live in a local apartment building and have no backyard. The park is our backyard. I help out in the community garden and we eat the fresh vegetables at the end of the summer. Now, we'll have no tomatoes and peppers at the end of the summer. I will need to buy them at the store.
4. I am also worried about safety. The fence is broken and if I let Junior run around in the park, he could easily get out of the playground. He might get hurt!

#### **Marnie, the Boys' Soccer Coach**

1. Hey guys! I have been coaching soccer in the park for the last three years. I meet the kids there every evening in the summer and we play in the field. Now, the field is not safe. It has no fence by the road, there are all kinds of litter, and the fallen tree has damaged the goal posts.
2. Also, my players love getting a drink from the fountain and need the washrooms. Both are broken and need to be fixed. How can they do that safely?
3. We eat a healthy snack at the picnic tables after practice. The picnic tables are broken.
4. Parents are calling me, saying that their kids are no longer going to play soccer on this team because the park isn't safe. What will the league do? Other parents need the team here because it is too far to get to the next local park to practice. They don't have a car and buses don't run very often. This location is really important.

**Joanne, the Big Kid in the park**

1. What's up? I am really bummed out. I used to play in the park everyday after school. Now, I'm not allowed. My mom says it's not safe there. I live too far from the next park over and my mom says there is not enough time to get there before dinner.
2. I have no backyard to play in, my townhouse just has a back alley and it's not safe for kids.
3. I got a big sliver trying to use the broken play structure and it got infected.
4. My friends and I are bored and just hang out watching TV now. We aren't sure what to do.
5. My soccer practices have been cancelled. That really stinks.