

## **K – 2 Teacher Resources**

### ***When Pigasso Met Mootisse* By Nina Laden**

When Pigasso met Mootisse is a great story about two artists who become rivals in their own worlds. They start calling each other names and become mean to one another which eventually lead to the building of a fence between them and their yards. Both artists then decide to paint their side of the fence that divides them; unknowingly to them they create a modern art masterpiece and together learn that it is their friendship that is the true work of art.

#### **Big Ideas:**

- Friendship
- Art can be formed from anything
- Art can bring people together

#### **Connections between Lyrics and Story**

- Art can occur anywhere
- Junk in the backyard is not always a bad thing
- One man's trash is another man's treasure

#### **Lyrics – In My Backyard**

(<http://intranet1.canacad.ac.jp:3445/25/241>)

Don't throw your junk in my backyard,  
my backyard, my backyard,  
Don't throw your junk in my backyard,  
my backyard is full of junk.

Don't throw your junk in my backyard,  
my backyard, my backyard,  
Don't throw your junk in my backyard,  
my backyard is full of toys and junk.

Don't throw your junk in my backyard,  
my backyard, my backyard,  
Don't throw your junk in my backyard,  
my backyard is full of clothes, and toys, and junk.

Don't throw your junk in my backyard,  
my backyard, my backyard,  
Don't throw your junk in my backyard,  
my backyard is full of shoes, and clothes, and toys, and junk.

Don't throw your junk in my backyard,  
my backyard, my backyard,  
Don't throw your junk in my backyard,

my backyard is full of pianos, and shoes, and clothes, and toys, and junk.

Don't throw your junk in my backyard,

my backyard, my backyard,

Don't throw your junk in my backyard,

my backyard is full of houses, and pianos, and shoes, and clothes, and toys, and junk.

### **Words or Phrases that describe a friend**

affable, affectionate, amiable, amicable, appreciated, attentive, available, believable, blessed, brave, caring, charming, cheerful, cherished, considerate, cordial, discerning, easygoing, empathetic, extraordinary, faithful, forgiving, funny, generous, gentle, giving, good listener, heartfelt, honest, hopeful, humorous, kind, loving, loyal, nice, optimistic, punctual, precious, prized, reliable, responsible, sensitive, sincere, sociable, sweet, sympathetic, tactful, thoughtful, trustworthy, truthful, valuable, warm, warm-hearted, winning, and wonderful

## **Reflection Hand Out**

Write a reflection piece answering the following questions. Please ensure that your paper contains proper spelling, punctuation and grammar and is written in proper paragraph form.

- 1) Why did you use specific materials to make your junk art?
- 2) Why would you want to give this piece of art to a friend?
- 3) What aspects of the art piece remind you of your (or a) friend?
- 4) Any other reflections, comments, critiques you have can be added in.