## **Jungle Buddies**

Time needed: 30 minutes

**Recommended Level:** Grades PK-4

Categories: Awareness, Defining

**Common Core Standard(s):** Speaking & Listening,

Reading literature

**Purpose:** Students will identify bullying behaviors.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Introduce the book Jungle Buddies by Steven Kroll.

Have students make predictions about the book by reading the title and looking at the cover.

## **ACTIVITY:**

Read the book, pausing to discuss what is happening among the animals. Allow the students to identify the bullies and discuss why they are picking on others. Using a smart board, chalkboard, etc., make a flowchart showing the sequence of bullying. Discuss the "ripple effect" of behavior. Identify who and what finally stopped the behavior.

## **FOLLOW-UP:**

Have the students work in small groups to role play other ways the animals could have responded to their bully.

