***Hello*** by Aiko Ikegami

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Guided Reading Level WB, Pre-K-3rd

CCSS/Instructional Strands: W.K.3,8; SL.K.1, 1b, 2, 3, 4, 6: L.K.1, 1b, 1d, 1e, 1f, 6;RL.K.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10.

Wordless picture book featuring basic story elements: setting, plot, character development. What is the beginning of the book? Who is the main character? What happens in the middle? How does the book end? Is this a happy ending or a sad one? Why?

Bold illustrations create meaning and tone. How does the art help you understand the characters and who they are? How is the alien shown at the beginning, in the middle, at the end? Is the alien scary? Why or why not? How is the girl shown? Is she scary? Why or why not? How are the adults shown? Are they scary or friendly? Give examples of how the pictures reveal personalities to you.

How is the setting shown? Is Earth different from the alien's planet? How?

How does the art show feelings and moods? How can you tell when the alien is scared, lonely, happy, sad?

Comprehension strategies: Activities:

List the sequence of events. R

Tell story out loud to yourself as you turn the pages.

Add your own text to the pictures, add your own dialog.

What are different possible endings? Could the alien stay on Earth? Could the girl go home with the alien? Draw your own ending to the story.

Discussion topics:

Identify cause and effect relationships, problem and solution, changes from beginning to end of the story. What could have gone wrong? Could the girl have been afraid of the alien? Could the alien have been afraid of the girl? How did they learn to trust and like each other? How do you make friends yourself?

Themes: Friendship, Strangers, Communication, Empathy

How do the pictures show a friendship developing? What kinds of things do friends do? How would you show two strangers becoming friends? Draw your own comic showing how people might play together (at the park, at a swimming pool, at school).

How can you communicate with someone without any words? Have you ever tried to talk to someone who didn't speak your language? What did you do? Could you communicate?

How can you tell how someone is feeling if you can't understand their words? Do you look at their face? Their body? What kind of things can you tell by looking at someone?

Draw a face that's happy, one that's sad, one that's angry, one that's confused, one that's surprised, one that's scared. A face can express a lot, cant' it?