



Read Aloud Guide

Title: *And Tango Makes Three*, by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, illustrated by Henry Cole

Best for: TK-3rd

Summary: This book is based on a true story. Two male penguins at the Central Park Zoo fall in love and try to create a family. At first they try to hatch a rock. Then a zoo employee gives them a fertile egg from a different penguin couple, and they work together to hatch and raise the baby as a nontraditional penguin family.

Why we chose this book: We chose this book because it highlights a universal love - family love. It shows an adorable example of a nontraditional family. It also explores the concept of adoption, family bonds, and community. It is based a true story from the Central Park Zoo.

Central themes: Nontraditional family, adoption, science and nature, animals

Introducing the book: You can begin by showing the cover, reading the title and author, and then saying something like this:

"This book is about a penguin family. Two male penguins become dads together, and raise a baby penguin named Tango."

"What is a family? What are some things families have in common?"

After Reading: Debrief with students

"How are Roy and Silo like other penguin couples? How are they different?"

"Why do you think Roy and Silo built a nest?"

"How did Roy and Silo take care of Tango?"

"What other animals hatch from eggs? Have you ever seen an egg hatch? What happens?"

