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A Pirate's Guide to Recess

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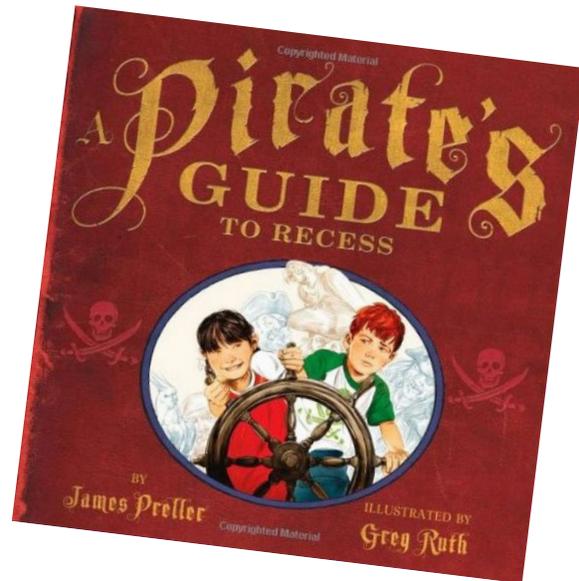
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Book Review

Title: A Pirate's Guide to Recess
Author: James Preller
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Illustrator: Greg Ruth
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Number of Pages: 36
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Excellent



Review

At recess time, the playground is full of young pirates and the rest of their crew. Cap'n Red and the lads keep being followed by Molly, but she and her pirate crew won't give up or surrender. Red wants to fight Molly to keep her away from his ship, but his crew turns against their captain to avoid a fight. When he refuses to play nice, Red is marooned out to sea. When the bell rings, however, Molly lets him go and they go back to school with plans to play again tomorrow.

This book shows the two children in full color and their pirate crews in sketches around them to show that they are part of the game Molly and Red play. It shows a great relationship with children and how their imagination can go to work during recess and during the day when they are studying. The book uses a lot of pirate vocabulary, but lubbers (non-sailors) can use the vocabulary homework sheet at the back of the book to find definitions of all of the pirate words. Although the illustrations and the idea is a lot of fun for pirate lovers, it's unclear why Red doesn't seem to want to play with her for most of the book but wants to play with her again the next day. Still, this fun book will entertain those who love pirates and the power of imagination.