The Sneetches

Social Studies: Human Relationships - Prejudice
Discuss prejudice with your student. The star is a symbol of superiority. It’s so silly to judge people by their outward appearance! What does the Bible say about this? Read I Samuel 16:7. Does God judge by the outward appearance? How should we decide whether or not we want to be friends with someone? Based on their looks? Based on whether or not they have nice things?

Materialism
You might also want to discuss materialism and the temptation to think that someone else has it better because they have something you do not. What really matters is NOT what we have, but who we are.

Rhyming Flap Books
The Sneetches is told in rhyme. Discuss rhyme with your student.
This file contains six flap books. You will find two books and then the images that go with those two books. This pattern repeats throughout the file.
Print the books (cardstock will be more durable, but it is not a necessity). Cut on the solid lines. Fold flaps forward using the dotted lines as your guide.
Instruct student to color, cut out, and paste images under the appropriate flaps.
Use the books to practice reading and rhyming.

Math: Story Problems (older student)
1. Sylvester McBean charged $3 to put a star on a belly. How much did he make if he put stars on 35 Sneetches?
2. Later, McBean charged $10 to take stars off bellies. How much did he make if he took off 45 stars?
3. How much did McBean make total?

Language Arts: Book Connection
Read and discuss You are Special by Max Lucado. How is God like the woodcarver? How are we like Punchinello? How does this book remind your student of The Sneetches?
Reading: Star Smash!
Laminate the stars and cut out using the lines as your guides. Write words, letters, or blends (depending on your student’s ability) on each star with a dry-erase marker. Place the cards on the table (face up) with some shaving cream under each card. Point to a card. If your student can read the word (or sound out the letter or blend), he gets to SMASH the star! He should hit it (hard) and let the shaving cream fly! FUN!

Math: Sorting
The Sneetches were sorted into two groups. Teach your child how to sort and classify using the food cards. How many different ways can they be sorted? (healthy/unhealthy, food groups, food I like/food I don’t like, etc.)

Copywork
Ask your student to copy this passage of wisdom from the book:
But McBean was quite wrong. I’m quite happy to say
That the Sneetches got really quite smart on that day,
The day they decided that Sneetches are Sneetches
And no kind of Sneetch is the best on the beaches.

Just for Fun
If you have the ability and the time of year is right, have a bonfire complete with hotdogs and marshmallows to roast. Be sure to invite some friends or neighbors over to enjoy it (even if they don’t have stars on their bellies)!
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Short I Rhyming Words

mix
sit
kid

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lit
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old  cow  star

cold  wow  bar
Star Smash!
# WORDS TO FIND

Sneetch  ball  stars  wink  
beach  all  cars  think

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