

How to Party Like a Snail

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Synopsis: Snail loves the quiet things about parties, like confetti and the silence before everyone yells, "surprise!", and decides to plan his own party without any loud noises, but when he feels like something is missing, he discovers he may long for the "loud" after all.

Suggested Reading Date: National Snail Day is May 29th. International Friendship Day is July 30th. This book might be a good fit at the beginning of the year when building community with classes and recognizing that everyone is different.

Activity Descriptions:

- Plan the ultimate party. Have students work in small groups and create a pretend party with a theme, food, and activities.
- Compare and contrast what students like about parties and what they dislike about parties.
- Compare and contrast what is fun about a loud party and what is fun about a small party.
- Design a party hat for Snail.
- Show some snail appreciation and fold a snail with snail origami (link below).
- Play different types of music and have the class decide if the music is for a "Snail Party" or a "Loud Party." Extra bonus points for having students move to the music.
- Design a card for Snail in wishing him a Happy Birthday.

Related Websites:

- Author's Website: <https://www.naseemhrab.com/>
- Illustrator's Website through Kids Can Press: <https://www.kidscanpress.com/Creators/kelly-collier/>
- Discussion Guide and Activity Packet Through Owlkids Books: <https://owlkidsbooks.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/HOW-TO-PARTY-LIKE-A-SNAIL-DISCUSSION-GUIDE-.pdf>
- Snail Origami: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLIrkTJaGYI>

Text to Text Connections: *Escargot* by Dashka Slater, *Snail Crossing* by Corey R. Tabor, *Cyril and Pat* by Emily Gravett, *Stick and Stone* by Beth Ferry

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