

I Want That Nut!

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Synopsis: Mouse and Chipmunk, two young rodents who want the same thing-a big, beautiful nut! But who deserves it more? After all, Chipmunk and the Nut read together and lie in the grass and stare at the clouds. Chipmunk wants that nut! A nutty and clever buddy story that celebrates cooperation.

Suggested Reading Date: Early in the school year to teach sharing or Jan 21, which is squirrel appreciation day (because chipmunks are ground squirrels).

Activity Descriptions:

- Brainstorm ways to share (such as rock/paper/scissors, eeneey meeneey miney moe, take turns for a certain amount of time)
- Read non-fiction books about squirrels and chipmunks and compare and contrast the two animals.
- Use the attached sheets of speech bubbles to make a picture or story.
- Use website to create comics: <http://www.toondoo.com/>

Related Websites:

- Official author website: <http://www.madelinevalentine.com/>
- Video of a chipmunk stuffing its mouth with seeds:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q05g6kXDAxg>

Text to Text Connections: *Pig the Winner – Aaron Blabey*
Great Fuzz Frenzy - Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel
Honey-- honey-- lion! : a story from Africa - Jan Brett.
Charlie the ranch dog : where's the bacon? - Ree Drummond
Lady Pancake & Sir French Toast - Josh Funk
It's mine! - Leo Lionni

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