

Jump for Joy

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Synopsis: A child named Joy wants a dog and a dog named Jump wants a child, until they find each other.

Suggested Reading Date: August 26 (National Dog Show); February (Westminster Dog Show); April 30 (National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day)

Activity Descriptions:

- What is joy? How do you show this emotion? Strike a pose that expresses joy. Jump.
- Joy makes dogs out of snow, sand, and other materials. What materials have you used to make art? What else could you try to use?
- Describe the perfect pet.
- What is the longest you've waited? Make an illustrated timeline of your wait.
- How does the book represent the seasons?
- Does your name have meaning, like 'jump' or 'joy'?
- Rewrite a story using 2 narrative perspectives, like Joy's and Jump's.
- Bring in dogs for kids to meet: <https://www.marinhumane.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Jumping-for-Joy-Week-4-Lesson-Plan.pdf>
- Makerspace: Make an animal out of transient materials (leaves, pine needles, sand, rubber bands, etc.) or collage with other media to illustrate a season.
- Makerspace: Gather lots of magazines you can cut up. After looking at the cover, see if students can "write" their names using pictures of things that look like letters.

Related Websites:

- Author's website: <https://karenruelle.com/>
- Jump for Joy Book Trailer - Penguin Random House Publishers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvmjz6BwBbE>
- Jump for Joy Coloring Page: <https://astrapublishinghouse.com/resources/jump-for-joy-coloring-page/>
- National Dog Day Video: <https://vimeo.com/445462691>
- Snow Sculptures - Smithsonian Magazine: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/snow-carvers-create-massive-sculptures-wisconsin-180958082/>
- Sand sculptures: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/wacky-weekend/article/sand-sculptures?scrlbrkr=f0c9db01>
- Constellations: Connect the Dots in the Sky! - SciShow Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sZ15SUeS9w>

Text to Text Connections:

- Any dog books in your collection
- *Rescue and Jessica* by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes

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