

The Teeny-Weeny Unicorn

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Synopsis: A teeny-weeny unicorn feels like he is belittled by his brothers and sisters because of his size and runs away from home but after meeting a gnome he starts to wonder if he might just be the right size after all.

Suggested Reading Date: April 9 (National Unicorn Day); May 20 (World Metrology Day)

Activity Descriptions:

- Create a list of character traits for the teeny-weeny unicorn and/or the gnome.
- Have kids share a time that they were too little to do something.
- Look at size comparisons of things such as animals - this is a great time to share books of infographics.
- The gnome uses some funny sayings such as, "Sorry doesn't feed the bullfrog" and "That's the knock on it." Discuss what they mean and share other sayings and idioms.
- Booktalk or highlight books with mythical creatures.
- Makerspace: Bring out the rulers and/or scales and practice measuring things.
- Makerspace: Have kids experiment with using chalk pastels.

Related Websites:

- Author website: <https://www.shawnharris.info/>
- Making the Teeny-Weeny Unicorn - Shawn Harris:
<https://youtu.be/kCP8cbeVHo?si=OA1MEcc6yCLYRW4->
- Animal Size Comparison Video - Global Data:
<https://youtu.be/mRfJls03IT4?si=eIx9T2hZF1vj9LyB>

Text to Text Connections:

- *Unicorns are the Worst* by Alex Willan
- *You Don't Want a Unicorn* by Ame Dykeman
- *Animals by the Numbers* by Steve Jenkins
- *The Teeny-Weeny Unicorns Great Big Wish* by Shawn Harris

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