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Teacher Notes and Activities

Davy & The Duckling

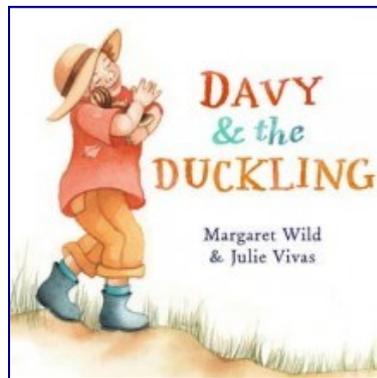
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When the baby duck hatched, the first thing it saw was Davy. It fluffed its feathers – and started following Davy everywhere. Around the farmyard, under the apple trees and all the way home.

From picture-book masters Margaret Wild and Julie Vivas comes this gentle and moving story about the love between a little boy and the duckling that stays with him all of its life.



Themes:

- Things that are constant in our lives
- Growing Up
- Legacy
- Love

Discussion Points:

- Davy and the duckling have shared a very special bond since the duckling was born. Do you have something that you have been attached to since you were young (not necessarily just a pet)? If so, what is it?
- What are some of the special things that you do together?
- What were some of the things that Davy and the duck shared growing up?
- How and why does having something familiar and constant in our lives make our lives better and more satisfying?
- How did the roles in the story change? Why did the duck now see itself as the mother of Molly? What does this tell us about life changing and evolving?
- What was the one thing that happened between both Davy and the duckling when it was first born and between Duck and Molly when she was born? Did this help cement the special bond that they had? Explain.

Activities:

- As a class create your own large diorama of a farm. Include in it all the animals that you would expect to see, along with trees, sheds, ponds and a farm house. Remember to include a duck! If possible, you may like to arrange a visit to a real farm to see what things are really like before you start this class project.