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**How the RedRover Readers program benefits students and the classroom**

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**Practicing skills:**
- Perspective-taking
- Listening
- Critical thinking
- Decision-making
- Comprehension

**Learning animal behavior**
- Distinguish their point of view from a character's point of view
- Understand perspectives that are different from their own
- Recognize and discuss emotional states
- Think about the well-being of others
- Analyze information and make more humane decisions

**Exploring positive relationships**
- Listening to stories about people and their relationships to animals
- Asking and answering open-ended questions
- Using reciprocal teaching methods that help students clarify, summarize, predict and interpret
- Personally relating to story content
- Providing genuine responses to open-ended questions (with no preconceived answers)
- Imagining situations, role-playing and reflecting on questions
- Making observations and using information gained from illustrations and text
- Comparing and contrasting illustrations that display accurate human and animal behaviors

**Building connections with peers and classroom teacher**
- Experiencing compelling stories that model positive relationships
- Anticipating what will happen next in a story based on illustrations or a character’s behavior
- Writing and illustrating a story or poem using a concept from the book and discussion
- Sharing interests and personal experiences
- Genuinely listening
- Feeling confident and engaged in group discussions

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