

Title: Listen to the Wind

Author: Greg Mortenson

Illustrator: Susan Roth

Grade Level: Primary/Junior

Category: Picture Book

Synopsis: Greg Mortenson has built over 60 schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. This is the picture book version of “Three Cups of Tea” told in the voice of the children from Korphe, the first village he built a school in.

Thematic/Curriculum Connections : Pakistan, Afghanistan, Activism, Poverty, Education, Courage, Fundraising, Mountain climbing, Peace.

Pre-Reading Activity

Show the students a map of where the children in this book come from.

Talk about developing countries where there is no school for girls and where the students learn outside writing with sticks on mud instead of pencils on paper. Explain how one person can make a difference.

Heroes come from ordinary people who want to make a difference in the world. Talk about other heroes in our world. Rosa Parks, Terry Fox, Craig Kielburger are some examples.

Activities:

1. Make a list of all the things you need to start a school. What are some of the things you need in your classroom? If you could only choose one thing what would it be? Why?
2. Write a letter to Dr Greg to tell him what you think of his work.
3. Have the class work together on a collage illustration of the village and new school. Use found objects.
4. Write an ad for fundraising.

Other book Connections:

- Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson
- Ryan and Jimmy and the Well in Africa by Herb Shoveller
- Peace Begins with You by Katherine Sholes
- Peacejam by Ivan Suvarjjeff