

Starabella book 3

Charlotte and Nikko – a note from their mom

We heard from Charlotte's mom about her love of books 1 & 2. She now tells about her son Nikko, a boy who likes video games more than books, about how much he was engrossed with Starabella book 3.

"We have made progress with book number three! Nikko sat and listened to the whole story! He tried to sing along with the songs. He was really aware of what was going on in the classroom. Actually, they both had so much empathy for Starabella, as well as the other kids (in the story) that had something negative said about them. But yes, Nikko just did really well. My husband and I were pretty amazed.

Charlotte enjoyed, of course. She absolutely loves that Starabella and she are both in Kindergarten. She kept saying how it was not nice how Julian (the classroom bully) was acting towards others. Nikko said that Julian looked like Grumpy Bear from Care Bears. Ha. She would say, "We are supposed to be nice to everyone!" I think I've mentioned before that Charlotte's struggles can be her behavior. She can be a bit bossy with others, so I think that book number three is something we can always refer back to from now on.

They were also really excited and surprised to hear about Baby Sunshine. It was a sweet ending.

I like the (interactive segment with the) questions. It would be wonderful to hear these books, especially number three, being read in school classrooms. Many lessons to be learned, adventures, emotions and more.

To be honest, when I learned about Starabella, I just assumed that they would be great books for girls on the spectrum. Nikko has never been in a special day class with more than one girl. I try to imagine how that girl must feel alone. I thought it would be nice for girls to see that there are other girls like them. But after reading along with them,

I think that they are really beneficial to all children (boys and girls and children with and without extra challenges).”

Jennifer - Mom

Jennifer, thank you so much for giving us a snapshot into your kids time spent with Starabella. It is encouragement like this that keeps us trying to bring Starabella and her musical messages of empathy and social sensitivity to all children.

Sharon