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"The Buddy Bear" is a quick, easy, memorable, and meaningful way to teach PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders how to be peaceful problem-solvers. Before teaching about the Buddy Bear, I recommend teaching students to differentiate between small problems (those "no big deal" issues that come up every day, i.e. not sharing, not taking turns, teasing) and big problems ("big deal" problems where someone is hurt or in danger, i.e. falling off the monkey bars, bullying, hitting). If you'd like help teaching this concept, I have [resources](#) in my TpT store to teach this!

Next, I use the Google Slides story to teach students that the Buddy Bear can help them solve small problems in a fair, kind, and respectful way. The Buddy Bear stays in a special place in your room and students can grab him when they need to talk out a problem. He helps students remember that only the person holding the bear can talk and they need to take turns/not interrupt. When students are solving problems with the Buddy Bear, they use I-Messages to communicate their feelings and needs. The presentation teaches students the 3-step process for using an I-Message.

After the presentation, students can work through 18 interactive scenarios that help them learn how to solve small problems using an I-Message. Students read the scenario, then type in each of the 3 text boxes an I-Message that would help them solve that problem.

There are lots of printable materials included in the zip file, too. Feel free to decorate your Buddy Bear space with the included posters, or use any of the printable activities after this presentation!

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