

Today is a special day for Bobby
and his best friend, Ricky.

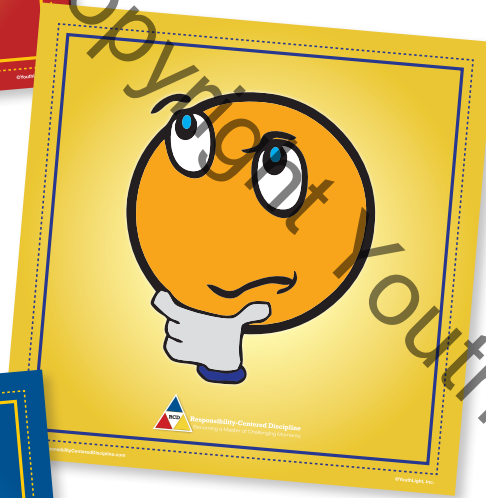


Ricky Ritat may look like an ordinary squirrel, but he isn't! He can talk. Bobby thinks that if you can talk, you should learn to read and write.





She showed Ricky the red, yellow and blue mats that sat near the back of the classroom. She told Ricky, “The color red is often how we feel when we are mad or upset. Sometimes our faces even turn red. This mat is where you can sit if you feel mad or frustrated and need some time.”



“You can move to the yellow mat when you are ready to think of a way to fix the problem.”



“The blue mat is where you move when you have thought of a solution and are ready to share your idea with the teacher. Then, you can talk about how things can go better for you in class.”

Miss London said “Ricky, I will know you are ready when I see you on the blue mat.” Then she added, “I know you have the ability to respond to this problem and can find a solution.”

