

**3rd Grade Curriculum Guide Book Summary**

**Book title: Matthew and Tilly**

**Author:** Rebecca C. Jones

**Main characters:** Matthew, Tilly

**Executive summary:** Best friends Matthew and Tilly were very angry with each other, but their friendship allowed them to forgive, so they could play together again.

**Detailed summary**: Matthew and Tilly did everything together. They went for bike rides, played games, had a lemonade stand and ate ice cream together. They were best friends. Once after rescuing a neighbor lady’s kitten from a tree, the lady gave them money that they used to buy gumballs together.

Once in a while the two friends got tired of doing everything together. One day after Matthew accidentally broke Tilly’s crayon, Tilly got very angry at him and accused him of always breaking her things. Then Matthew said Tilly was “always so picky and stinky and mean.” Then Tilly called Matthew “stupid and stinky and mean.” They both said very hurtful things to each other, so Matthew stomped up the stairs to play store in his room alone. He was angry with Tilly and glad she wasn’t there to mess things up. But after a while he thought that it wasn’t as much fun without Tilly to play the customer.

After their fight Tilly went to play with sidewalk chalk alone. She drew lots of numbers and pictures on the sidewalk, and she was glad Matthew wasn’t there to mess it up. But after a while she thought it wasn’t much fun to play sidewalk games by herself.

Matthew looked down from his second story window to see what Tilly was doing, and Tilly looked up at Matthew’s window to see what he was doing. They both said they were sorry. Then Matthew and Tilly went off to play together again.