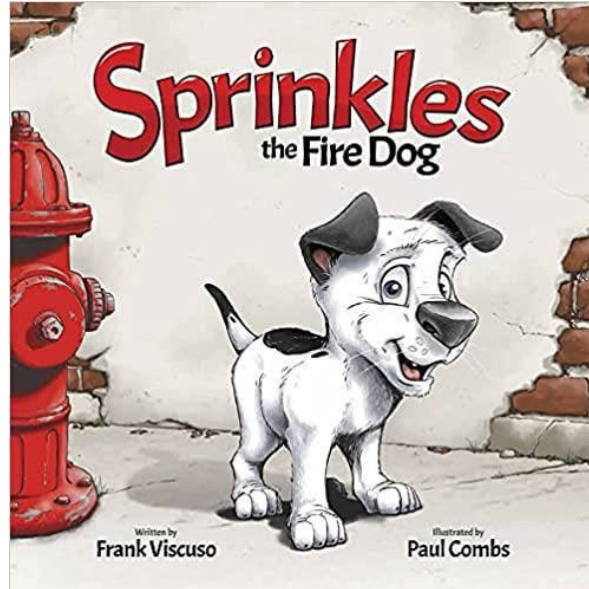


# Sprinkles the Fire Dog



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**Benjamin Franklin described volunteer firefighters as “brave men, men of spirit and humanity, good citizens and neighbors, capable and worthy of civil society and the enjoyment of a happy government.” Did you know there are more than 29,000 Fire Departments in the United States, with 1.1+ million firefighters? Almost 70% of those firefighters are volunteers.**

## **Before the Read Aloud:**

As you read *Sprinkles the Fire Dog*, think about how you could be a good citizen and help your community. What makes a good citizen? How could we thank our First Responders for their service?

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## **During the Read Aloud:**

1. Why was Sprinkles so sad at the beginning of the book?
2. What might have happened if Sprinkles had believed what the corner mutts were saying about him?
3. If Sprinkles did not work hard and believe in himself, do you think he would have become a fire dog?
4. How are Firefighters examples of good citizens? Was Sprinkles a good firefighter? Was he a brave dog, a dog of spirit and humanity, a good citizen and neighbor, or all three?
5. What can you do in your community to be a good citizen?

## **Take Action Project:**

How can we thank our First Responders? What thoughts/sentiments would your class want to include in a thank you note to them? Have your class use these ideas to write and design letters to your local fire department company.

