**Menese International Schools**

**Language Arts Grade 4**

**Reading Comprehension Comparing Texts**

**Secret Talk**

1. **What is the poem saying about friendship?**

**Friends can spend time together and not feel like they need to talk.**

1. **What do the two friends do together?**

**They walk outside, watch birds, chew on blades of grass, twirl flowers, and watch the clouds.**

1. **How is the poem ending similar to its beginning?**

**At the beginning, the poet says she greets her friend without saying a word. At the end, she says they leave without saying a word. They just wave.**

1. **Compare the friendships in “The Hot and Cold Summer” with the friendship in “Secret Talk”.**

**The friends in “The Hot and Cold Summer” are talkative and like to play games and challenge each other. The friends in “Secret Talk” are quiet and love nature.**

1. **What is one lesson that “The Hot and Summer” teaches about friendship?**

**Have trust in your friends. You can have more than one good friend. Derek is kind, considerate, and a good friend. He brings Rory some comics, apologizes for not being able to stay, and tells Rory that he wants to spend time with him.**