

Lucky Dog Humane Education

-Bookmarks for Children in the Hospital

Aligns to the following Common Core Standards for K-5

(ELA = English Language Arts)

! **ELA Speaking and Listening** - Standards 1, 4 & 6

Aligns to Social Emotional Learning Outcomes

! **Self Awareness:** Identifying emotions, thoughts and values

! **Self Management:** Self-discipline - Impulse control

! **Social Awareness:** Perspective-taking - Empathy - Respect for others - Diversity

! **Relationship Skills:** Communication - Relationship building

! **Responsible Decision-making:** Identifying problems - Analyzing situations - Solving Problems - Ethical responsibility - Reflecting

OBJECTIVE: To inspire children to feel compassion and show kindness to children that are in the hospital with medical needs.

PREPARATION: Students will meet PAWfessor Big Rig and watch his baby video, they will learn about his cleft palette, and what it means to live with a cleft palette, they will see how BEAUTIFUL and LOVABLE Big Rig is, which will reinforce the fact that differences are BEAUTIFUL. They will also learn about the charity Smile Train that provides surgeries for children who were born with a cleft palette.

IMPLEMENTATION:

After participating in the Inclusion and Diversity lesson with Big Rig, students will research <https://www.smiletrain.org> and discuss ways they can help children who were born with a cleft palette or any child that is in the hospital needing medical care. The teacher will lead a discussion on the importance of valuing ALL people and of helping children and families needing medical help. Students can decide to create a fundraiser for Smile Train, make blankets, or host a Teddy Bear drive.

In addition to the larger projects, TODAY they can make inspirational bookmarks to give to children in their local hospital. The students will transition to an arts and crafts station where they can make bookmarks to be delivered to the local Children's Hospital.

Materials:

Construction paper or card stock, markers, glue, glitter, stickers, and a variety of classroom art supplies

Concepts: Teaching the importance of taking the time to show kindness and caring. Discovery the joy of bringing joy to others

CONCLUSION: Lucky Dog Humane Educators will collect the bookmarks or cards to deliver to the hospital and report back to the classroom about the joy their artwork brought to the patients.

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