

Lucky Dog Humane Education

Lesson 5 – Cards or Bookmarks for Grandparent or Elderly Neighbor

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 an elderly person

PREPARATION: Teacher or Presenter will lead a prepared PowerPoint discussion that includes reading the Book *A Different Little Doggy* By Heather Whittaker

METHOD:

- Lucky Dog H.E. presenters (or classroom teacher) will use a combined PowerPoint and Storybook presentation, accompanied by posters, puppets, and props – The children will be introduced aging pets and comparing them to grandparents. The children will be inspired to think of ways they can spend time with an elderly relative or neighbor and ways they can care for and/or play with an aging pet.
- Presenters will leave expansion activities for the classroom. These activities will help teachers promote compassion for animals and compassion in the classroom. They will also inspire children to understand that they, too, can participate in positive change for shelter animals, stray animals, and pet overpopulation as well as be part of a positive environment for humankind.

IMPLEMENTATION:

After participating in the Inclusion and Diversity lesson and story, the classroom teacher will read *Gray Whiskers* - By Lisa Wiehebrink to expand learning about caring for others as they age. The teacher will then lead a discussion on the importance of, caring for and spending time with family members and pets as they age. The students will transition to an arts and crafts station where they can make bookmarks or cards for grandparents or elderly family members/neighbors.

Materials:

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

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

CONCLUSION: Have students report to the class the reactions they receive from the recipients of their “gifts”, discuss how it feels to bring joy to others. Discuss the importance of taking care of family members (including our pets) as they age