

Lesson Plan

The Most Special Ball Game Ever in Acadia

General Learning Outcomes :

- The student will be able to develop compassion (which helps counter bullying).
- The student will be able to develop vocabulary.

Ages : 7 years old and up

Word count :

Learning Themes : vocabulary development, respect, encouragement, belonging, team work, compassion, ball game, Acadian national hymn, boys

Time frame: 25 minutes for shortened version or 50 minutes for all

Before the reading : Brainstorm prior knowledge of one or twthe themes.

A) Separate the class into small groups of 4-5 members. Members of the group will each have a different responsibility. (To shorten the length of this activity, one group can present one activity.)

The responsibilities/activities are :

1) *writing the words (secretary)* ; 2) making up a song or a poem with the words found and sharing it,; 3) acting out a chosen word

for the other groups to guess; 4) speaking without saying the word or any part of it to get the others to guess; 5) inviting others to guess the letters in the mystery word; and 6) the last responsibility is the one who confirms that the word guessed is correct or not.

B) Activity : In little groups, within one minute, **the secretary of each group writes** (on the medium of his or her choice) all the words thought up by the group that are related to a theme they chose from the above mentioned list.

-The guessing now begins. The order of the activities presented can be chosen by the group to strengthen team work skills. If preferred, names can be picked randomly within in each group.

During the reading :

- A) Have students share the reading if multiple copies of the book are in the classroom or if the book is projected.
- B) The class can respond with an action, for example raise a hand or clap hands, every time they notice a word related to a chosen above mentioned theme.

After the reading; (This can be done in groups)

- A) What words or ideas in the story demonstrated encouragement?
- B) What words or ideas demonstrated belonging?
- C) What words or ideas demonstrated team work?
- D) How was respect shown in this story?
- E) Discussion of these values to ensure proper understand of their meanings.

Another fun activity to do related to the story 'The Most Special Ball Game Ever in Acadia , to further develop compassion:

Create your own song or cheer to show respect or encourage others.

Hope you enjoy these activities!

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