

Theme: DISCOVER

Educational Resources: K-6th

Title: Language is Important

Subject: Foreign Language or Any

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Activity Time: One class Period

Activity Description:

This lesson's objective is to get students to understand that kindness is all around the world and their words of kindness matter.

Direct Instruction –

Inform students that kindness is important in all languages. Let them know that every culture can show kindness with their words. Let them know that they are going to be broken into small groups and given a language to research kindness. Ask them to use websites like google translate to write (then speak) kind words and phrases.

Group Discussion –

Take a few minutes as a whole group to brainstorm kind words and phrases. Prompt them to think about what they would like to hear someone else say to them that is kind. What would make their day a little brighter or turn a bad day into a good day? Examples can include Hello. How are you? I like your smile. You look nice today. I hope you have a good day. Thank you. I appreciate you.

Small Group Activity –

Teacher will assign a different language to each group, including Spanish, French, Italian, German, and any others you think the kids would enjoy or be familiar with. Have each group make a poster and share the phrases they came up with.

Individual Activity –

Ask students to use these phrases in their everyday life- both in English and the language they researched. They should say at least 3 phrases a day for the rest of the week. Let them know they will probably need to explain the assignment to their friends and family when they speak in a different language. It is an opportunity to talk about the importance of kindness.

Outcome Measurement:

Ask the students to answer the following questions at the end of the week.

1. Were you able to complete the assignment of saying the phrases 3 times a day to other people? Why or Why not?
2. Did it get more comfortable/easier to say the phrases and explain the assignment as the week went on? Why or why not?
3. How will you continue to spread kindness in your life based on this assignment?

Sources:

SevenDays[®] Inc. and <https://translate.google.com>

Aligns with Kansas State Standard:

- Social Emotional Character Development Standards, Character Development Model Standards
 - Character Development- Core Principles
 - Personal Development- Self -Awareness and Self-Management
 - Social Development- Interpersonal Skills

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