

The Garden Gathering

Lesson #5



Age:
4th Grade

Objective:

- Students will construct meaning from the text.
- Students will respond critically to a work of literature.

Materials:

The Garden Gathering by Julie Woik

Index/Flash Cards and a photograph of child (bring from home)

Pens/Markers/Colored Pencils and Glue

Magazines and other decorations are optional

Optional - Send home letter to parents regarding this lesson.

See attached *Letter for Parents*

Activity:

Gather the children in a circle and read *The Garden Gathering*. After the reading, briefly review the story theme regarding everyone's differences and values. Then make the cards.

1. Students paste their picture on card (they can decorate if they like).
2. On the back, they'll write a personal strength, talent, or interest and an intended goal related to that subject.
3. The teacher will collect the cards and place them into a box.
4. One card a day (or as many as you wish) is picked out of the box, and is read aloud by the card's author.
5. The class then discusses how this strength/interest and goal can help someone to become a physically, mentally, and socially healthy person.
6. The student can keep their card as a reminder of their future success.

Assessment:

Students identify the author's purpose in a simple text. They understand the cause of events, and compare them to their lives.