

Giving to the Community

It is important to give back to the community and recognize those who have given to you. This activity teaches the importance of giving to one another.

Age Appropriateness:

2-5, 5-8, 9-12

Key Topics:

Community Building

Giving Thanks

Skills:

Reflection

Arts and Crafts

Materials:

Paper in shape of a fish, crayons, glue sticks, decorations for scale—glitter, beads, foil, tissue paper

Action Time:

1 hour

Resources:

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

OBJECTIVES

- To give thanks to those who deserve it
- To teach the importance of honoring one another at all times



Discussion

Discuss giving. Talk about how it is difficult sometimes and how it is very important to give to others. Discuss things that you would like to give thanks for ie: new playground, volunteer efforts, new books in library, etc...

Action

- The children will each color their own rainbow fish
- They will decorate 3 scales to glue on to their fish
- The students must then share their scales with 3 other students (that they typically do not get along with) and glue their scales on the other students' fish. Do not tell them ahead of time they will be sharing.
- Be sure each student says "thank you" when they receive their scale.

Reflection

Discuss how it felt to give something that you worked hard on to someone else. How did everyone's rainbow fish look at the end of the project. Talk about other ways that they can give in their communities. Determine who has given to them recently and if they were recognized for their gift.