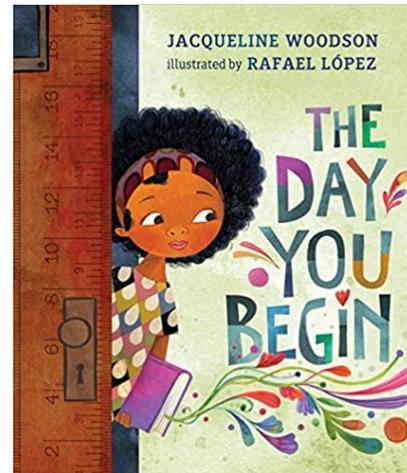


CLOVERBUD READING ADVENTURES

The Day You Begin

By Jacqueline Woodson

There are times when we walk into a room and no one is like us. Everyone has reasons to be different. This book celebrates the bravery of a child to be proud of the differences and what makes each of us unique.



ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS

Everyone is Special



Materials: paper, markers, crayons, paint, pencils, pens

What to do: Tell the children that they are making a poster all about them. Ask the children to think about one thing that makes them special. Remind them that they have many things that make them extra special. Encourage them to put their name and write a sentence about what makes them special. They can draw a picture too. When all finished, they can share their posters with the others in their club.

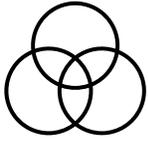
Friend Handprints

Materials: Paper, markers, pens, pencils, crayons

What to do: Have children trace their hand print on a piece of paper. Write their name at the bottom of the handprint, near the palm of the hand. Tell the children to write or draw pictures of at least 5 (1 per finger) things that are unique and special about them. Allow time to share their handprints with each other.



GAME



Chart

Supplies: Poster board or dry erase board or hula hoops or yarn to make the circles, markers, paper

How to play: This game will show youth what makes them different and what they have in common with each other. Draw a venn diagram (2 or 3 circles depending on how many member you have that overlap in the middle). In groups of two, have them think about what makes them different and what they share together. Some things to think about include foods they like, pets, music, people they care about, place they want to go, what they want to be when they are older, hobbies, school subjects, etc. When finished, they can see that there are many things that make each person unique and special and there are some special things that we share with our friends.

What Makes you UNIQUE?

Supplies: Large post-it paper, markers, smaller post-its, crayons, pencils, pens

How to play: Hang the large post-it up on a wall. Give the youth each several (at least 2-3) post-its. Encourage them to write down either words or draw pictures on each post-it of things that make them unique. When they are finished, they can put them on the large post-it. Read through them all. Find common things and you can draw a star on the post it to show that youth share this characteristic.

SNACKS



Hummus and Vegetables

Ingredients: 15 oz. Chickpeas, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. olive oil, 1 glove of garlic, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sesame tahini, $\frac{1}{4}$ c. lemon juice, $\frac{1}{2}$ t. cumin, 1 t. salt, 2 T. warm water, variety of vegetables and crackers

What to do: Place the chickpeas and garlic in a food processor and chop. Add the tahini, cumin, and salt. Blend. Then add the water, oil, and lemon juice until smooth. Add an extra T. of water if not smooth. Serve with vegetables or crackers.

Grape Sparkler

Ingredients: 6 T. Grape juice, 2 c. seltzer water, ice cubes

What to do: Pour juice and seltzer water into 2 glasses evenly. Stir gently. Add ice cubes. Serve cold.

Alternative: Purchase a variety of juices and allow youth to pick and choose what kind of sparkler drink they would like. Try orange, apple, cranberry, etc.



OTHER BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

Whoever You Are, Mem Fox

Same, Same But Different, Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw

Pink Is For Boys, Robb Pearlman

Say Hello!, Rachel Isadora

Hidden Figures, Margot Lee Shetterly

4-H CLOVERBUD READING ADVENTURES

Reading Adventures are part of the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Program. This adventure was developed by Rebecca Supinger, 4-H Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Ohio State University Extension. It contains well-known activities, games, and snacks. Sources are indicated where appropriate. Find more reading adventures online at ohio4h.org/cloverbudresources.

TIP:

This 4-H Cloverbud Reading Adventure works well with Chapter 27 'I Am Special' in *The Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities* available through OSU Extension offices or online at extensionpubs.osu.edu. Ohio residents get the best price when they order and pick up their purchases through local Extension offices.

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