

## Plan: How can I help prepare students and myself for a great day of learning?

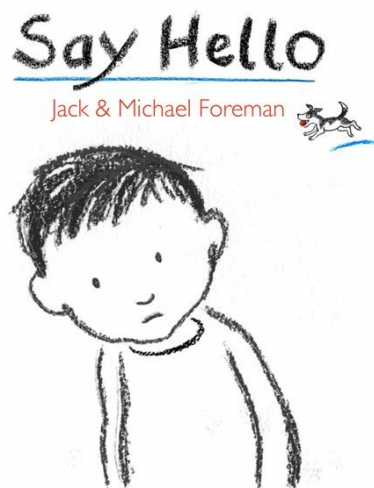
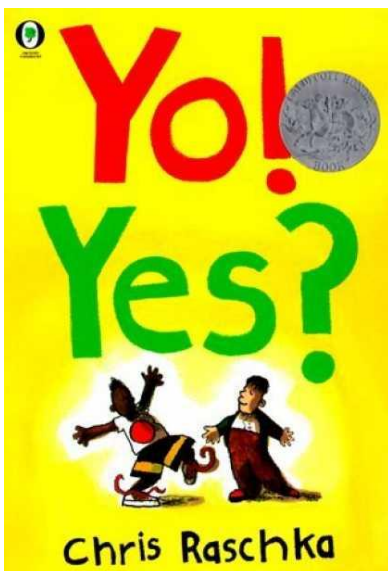
The **Learning Skills Development** program is designed to enrich student understanding of the essential skills outlined in [Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools 2010](#) (pp. 10-14) and [Finding Common Ground: Character Education in Ontario Schools K-12](#) through a hands-on, learning experience at Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre.

### Some guiding questions to support effective field trip planning:

- Why did you choose our **Learning Skills Development** Program?
- What is this month's TDSB Character Trait and how can we apply it to the rest of our school work?
- How does it integrate into your classroom program?
  - Is the field trip going to act as a "minds on" engagement where students formulate questions for inquiry?
  - Is the field trip an opportunity for students to gather evidence for an inquiry already in progress?
  - Is the field trip a culminating experience for students to apply their learning?

### Possible Pre-Trip Experiences

- Familiarize students with cooperative games (e.g., name games, line up games...etc.)
- Participate in a TDSB Character Trait assembly, and talk about how it relates to the classroom and wider community.
- Begin a Know, Wonder, Learn (KWL) about the TDSB character trait to bring with you to Forest Valley
- Read books related to character development (available from Forest Valley's Library). To borrow books please contact Forest Valley OEC ([ForestValleyOutdoorEdCentre@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:ForestValleyOutdoorEdCentre@tdsb.on.ca) or 416-395-5110)
- Engage students in reflective follow up activities after reading using oral, visual, written and/or dramatic communication



### TDSB Web Resources (available through TDSB computers)

- [Media Net](#) (Character Development)
- [TDSB's Virtual Library](#)