

Recommended Reading

Yo Yes by Chris Raschka

Say Hello by Jack and Michael Foreman

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
- Engage students in reflective follow up activities after reading using oral, visual, written and/or dramatic communication

Possible Follow-up Activities For Learning Skills Development

- Try one of the cooperative games you learned at Forest Valley back at school to review the learning skills
- After practicing with your own class, partner with another class to teach them the cooperative game
- Make a Character Trait or Learning Skill Board and use photos and/or words to capture student examples of the Trait or Skill in action
- With your students, develop a presentation about what they have learned to share at your next Character Trait Assembly
- Continue debriefing shared and guided reading opportunities in terms of character traits and/or learning skills.