



The Good Eggs

Chapter 4: Generosity (December)

Chapter Review:

For Christmas, Ms. Poach introduced a project that taught the importance of being generous with our things and also our time. Part one of the project was called Giving Things. All of the Eggs, except Benedict, donated lots of wonderful toys, books, and clothing – all things they really liked. Part two of the class project was called Giving Time. She shared the importance of giving your time to someone and the difference it can make in their lives. For this part of the project, the Eggs took time to write letters to children in another country. All of the Eggs, except Benedict, were excited to write their letters and turn them in to Ms. Poach. With the help of Seggourney, Benedict was eventually able to find his generous side. He decided to donate a toy that meant a lot to him, and he liked the thought that another child could enjoy it as much as he did. Then Benedict asked Seggourney if he could join her when she was going to visit her grandma. Benedict learned the importance of generosity through giving things and giving time.

The Lesson:

We must really try to bring happiness to others through giving things and giving time.

Overview:

Helping students to realize that generosity can come in many forms; especially giving things and sharing time with someone.

Materials:

A donated toy, paper, time and a generous heart!

Giving Things. This is the first part of Ms. Poach's generosity challenge to the Eggs. She encourages them to bring in something they really like but are willing to give away to a child in need.

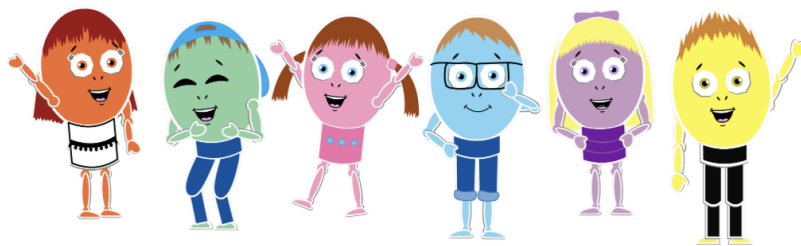
Follow Ms. Poach's lead. Start a "Generosity Box" in your class. As the students bring in their items, place them in a box in your classroom. Once everyone has brought in an item and the box is full, brainstorm a charity that might like these items (perhaps a local children's charity or hospital). Have the students include a hand-written card to the organization explaining what the project is about and have them all sign the card.

Giving Time. This is the second part of Ms. Poach's generosity challenge to the Eggs. She said while it is important to give things, it is also important to give time.

Writing a card to a nursing home or a hospital is always a good way to spend your time, but it would be an extra challenge to hand-deliver them! Get in contact with a local organization who would welcome a group of students to deliver cards of well wishes and perhaps even sing a song or two to hospital patients or nursing home residents. Get creative with your talents (dance, music or acting is always appreciated!) If you are unable to go in person, you can always create a video or set up a video conference. Make sure to take note of the smiles on the residents' faces!

Reflection:

Generosity can be a difficult virtue to uphold. So much of our world seems to be consumed with the accumulation of things and the scarcity of time. Our consumer-driven society puts emphasis on having the "newest" or "latest" thing. So many in the world seem to have a hard time being satisfied with what they have. Sometimes we need to take a "time-out" and realize just how much we already have. When we do that, we can practice the virtue of gratitude. Although it may appear to be counter-cultural, being on the giving end is a much better place to be than on the receiving end. When we give things and time as the Eggs learned through their class project, we are giving of ourselves, which is the best gift of all!



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