

Think Win-Win with The Rainbow Fish

We used this lesson in kindergarten with our 5th grade reading buddies. The kindergarten children wanted to teach their reading buddies about The 7 Habits that were used in the story.

Procedure:

1. Read The Rainbow Fish (or scan the book to use on an electronic white board).
2. After reading the book, have kindergarten students share which of The 7 Habits were used in the story (Habit 4: Think Win-Win; Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood; Habit 6: Synergize).
3. With partners (kindergarten student and Reading Buddy), students will color their Rainbow Fish together, synergizing to make a collaborative drawing.
4. Then, cut out the Rainbow Fish and glue it on light blue construction paper.
5. Partners can then draw the ocean habitat for the fish.
6. Once the habitat is finished, partners select 1 sequin to glue on the Rainbow Fish (hot glue works best).
7. After the drawings are complete, project them on the electronic white board, or have partners share theirs with the group.
8. At the end of our time, the kindergarten students surprised the 5th graders and gave them the pictures of the Rainbow Fish to remind them of The 7 Habits and how they all synergized.

Materials:

Light blue construction paper, pattern or copies of the outline of the Rainbow Fish--on white paper, large metallic sequins, scissors, crayons, glue sticks.