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I like to use *The Important Book* to boost self-esteem in my students. I also use it to teach about patterns in text. My students love when they hear or read the positive comments other students have made about them.

Students read a wide range of print and non-print texts to build an understanding of texts and of themselves.

## Materials

- The Important Book by Margaret Wise Brown

## Set Up and Prepare

Ask the students what they think this book will be about. What does "important" mean? What would make a book important?

## Directions

As a group determine the pattern of the text.

*The important thing about \_\_\_\_\_ is that it is \_\_\_\_\_. It \_\_\_\_\_, and it \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and it \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.* But the important thing about \_\_\_\_\_ is that it is \_\_\_\_\_.

As a group, pick an object, describe it, and write a new verse for the story. Use a word processor or iPhoto to write a class book with each student being the topic of a page. Have the other students write positive comments about each other for the descriptive words.

*The important thing about Gayle is that she is kind. She is good at drawing pictures and she is funny, and smart, and she helps others learn and listens to what we say. But the important thing about Gayle is that she is kind.*

Add a photo of the object or person to the book. Share the book with parents, other classes, online. Don't forget to save the student's page for their memory book or to take home.

## Supporting All Learners

The students could create an Important Book about school workers, community helpers, family members, etc.

## Related Resources

Margaret Wise Brown's website: [www.margaretwisebrown.com](http://www.margaretwisebrown.com)

iPhoto: [www.apple.com/education/solutions/iphoto/](http://www.apple.com/education/solutions/iphoto/)

- Subjects:

Reading, Language Arts, Arts and Crafts, Pride and Self-Esteem

- Skills:

Reading, Descriptive Writing

- Duration:

2 Class Periods