

Hooway for Wodney Wat

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Hooway for Wodney Wat is such a good book to start a conversation about differences. Helen Lester treats the subject with kindness and humor, and Lynn Munsinger brings Rodney and his friends to life with endearing illustrations. Students get quite a kick out of Camilla's well-meaning antics.

Students will "recognize the positive contribution of character traits (such as tolerance, honesty, self-discipline, respectfulness, and kindness) to relationships, the benefit to relationships which include understanding and respecting individual differences, and the detrimental effect of prejudice (such as prejudice on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, class, or religion) on individual relationships and society as a whole." --*Massachusetts Comprehensive Health Curriculum Framework*

Materials

- Hooway for Wodney Wat by Helen Lester

Set Up and Prepare

I like to introduce this book at the beginning of the school year to help set the tone for the way students treat one another.

Directions

Have a conversation about how Rodney felt. Some discussion questions might include:

Do you think it was frustrating for Rodney when he wasn't able to pronounce his R's?

How do you think he felt when the other students couldn't understand him?

What could they have done to make him feel more at ease?

Do you think Rodney ever learned to pronounce his R's?

Have you ever felt uneasy about something you were not able to do?

Supporting All Learners

If you have students with articulation issues, you will want to gauge how they will react to this book.

Lesson Extensions

Have a conversation to generate ways in which Camilla could have behaved differently, and what the end result would have been.

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- Duration:

30 Mins