

Grade Level: Grade 1

Subject: Health

Objective:

- Students will learn about the importance of believing in oneself and having a positive mindset.
- Students will practice deep breathing techniques to manage emotions and calm their nerves.
- Students will learn the value of friendship and supporting one another.

Materials:

- Story: "Jungle Buddyz: A Race to Remember"
- Whiteboard or chart paper
- Markers or chalk
- Optional: small stuffed animals representing the Jungle Buddyz characters

Introduction:

- 1. Begin by asking students if they have ever been in a race or competition.
- 2. Discuss how it feels to participate in a race and if they have ever felt nervous or unsure of themselves.
- 3. Introduce the story "Jungle Buddyz: A Race to Remember" and explain that it is a story about believing in oneself and supporting friends.
- 4. Read the story aloud to the students.

Story Comprehension:

- 1. After reading the story, ask the students the following questions to check their comprehension:
 - Who are the Jungle Buddyz characters?
 - How did Scooter feel before the race?
 - How did Scooter's friends support him?
 - What did Scooter learn from the race?
- 2. Discuss the importance of believing in oneself and how it can help overcome challenges and achieve goals.

Discussion and Reflection:

- 1. Lead a class discussion on the theme of the story and the importance of having a positive mindset.
- 2. Ask students to share times when they felt nervous or unsure of themselves and what they did to overcome those feelings.
- 3. Discuss different strategies for managing emotions, such as taking deep breaths, positive self-talk, and seeking support from friends and family.
- 4. Have students share ways they can encourage and support their friends when they are facing challenges.

Conclusion:

- 1. Summarize the key points discussed during the lesson.
- 2. Emphasize the importance of believing in oneself and having a positive mindset.
- 3. Remind students that it is okay to ask for help and support from friends and family.
- 4. Encourage students to practice deep breathing techniques when they feel anxious or nervous.

Extension Activity:

- 1. Have students draw a picture or write a short story about a time when they believed in themselves and overcame a challenge.
- 2. Optional: Provide small stuffed animals representing the Jungle Buddyz characters and have students act out the story or create their own version of the race using the characters.
- 3. Encourage students to share their drawings, stories, or performances with the class to celebrate their achievements and build a sense of community.