

PROHUMAN CURRICULUM - KINDERGARTEN

OVERVIEW OF UNITS:

Unit 1	September	Optimism
Unit 2	October	Grit
Unit 3	November	Gratitude
Unit 4	December	Curiosity
Unit 5	January	Courage
Unit 6	February	Compassion
Unit 7	March	Fairness
Unit 8	April	Understanding
Unit 9	May	Humanity

UNIT 6: Compassion

LESSON 2: LEARNING COMPASSION FROM LITERATURE

SUMMARY:

The Prohuman Kindergarten curriculum is aligned to two sets of standards: [Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts](#) and [Character and Social Emotional Development \(CSED\) National Guidelines](#). The full collection of units introduces all nine of the prohuman character strengths: optimism, grit, gratitude, curiosity, courage, compassion, fairness, understanding, and humanity.

Unit 6, Lesson 2, “Learning Compassion from Literature,” reinforces the vocabulary word compassion. Students will learn an example of compassion from a classic work of children’s literature. Additionally, students will practice spelling compassion, copy the definition of the word compassion, and create a pictorial representation of compassion that demonstrates reading comprehension.

SUGGESTED TIME: 20 minutes

RELATED SUBJECT: English Language Arts

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Listen to a read aloud to reinforce understanding of English sentence structure, syntax, and grammar
- Spell, define, and give an example of compassion
- Demonstrate understanding of standard English sentence structure and grammar in writing and speaking
- Practice reading and conversation skills by sharing pictures with classmates

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Text: Aesop's Fable "[The Lion and the Mouse](#)" and/or
- Video: [The Lion and the Mouse](#) by [ABCMouse.com Early Learning Academy](#) (~2 min)
- Prohuman Kindergarten Unit 6 Worksheet 2: Learning Compassion from Literature

VOCABULARY:

Compassion: I see when others are hurt or need help, and I try to help them.

ELA COMMON CORE STANDARDS MET

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.K.4	Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.	✓
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.K.8	With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear.	✓
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.K.10	Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.	✓

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.1	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.	✓
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.1.A	Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).	✓
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.K.1.A	Print many upper- and lowercase letters.	✓

CHARACTER AND SOCIAL EMOTIONAL (CSED) NATIONAL STANDARDS MET

Moral Character A	Know, understand, and practice the character strengths of honesty and integrity, caring and compassion, gratitude, and the courage to take initiative	✓
Self-Awareness A2	Identify personal strengths (e.g., honesty, curiosity, listening)	✓
Social-Awareness A3	Demonstrate the ability to listen carefully and intentionally to others	✓
Interpersonal/ Relationship Skills 1	Initiate and engage in conversation and social interactions with classmates, peers, and adults	✓
Interpersonal/ Relationship Skills 7	Play games and appropriately participate in small group classroom activities	✓
Responsible and Ethical Decision-Making 1	Describe a rule or principle that everyone should strive to live by (e.g., be kind, be honest, try your best)	✓

LESSON PROCEDURE

- 1.) Write compassion on the board.
- 2.) Ask students to spell compassion on their worksheets.

- 3.) Ask students to copy the definition of compassion on their worksheet.
- 4.) Read the text Aesop's Fable "[The Lion and the Mouse](#)" or
- 5.) Play the video: [The Lion and the Mouse](#) by [ABCMouse.com Early Learning Academy](#) (~2 min)
- 6.) Ask students how the mouse in the story showed compassion.
- 7.) Ask students to draw a picture on their worksheets about how the mouse in the story showed compassion.
- 8.) Ask students to share their pictures with their classmates.

KINDERGARTEN UNIT 6 WORKSHEET 2: LEARNING COMPASSION FROM LITERATURE

Compassion: I see when others are hurt or need help, and I try to help them.

Write the word compassion:

ACTIVITY:

Write the definition of the word compassion:

Draw a picture that shows how the mouse in the story showed compassion: