

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 3: GRATITUDE

LESSON 2: LEARNING GRATITUDE 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 3, Lesson 2, “Learning Gratitude from Literature” reinforces the vocabulary word gratitude. Students will learn an example of gratitude from a contemporary work of children’s literature. Additionally, students will practice spelling gratitude, copy the definition of the word gratitude, and create a pictorial representation of gratitude 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 gratitude
- 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:

- Book: [*Gratitude is My Superpower*](#) by Alicia Ortego (text) or
- Video: Read aloud of [*Gratitude is My Superpower \(~6 min\)*](#)
- Prohuman Kindergarten Unit 3 Worksheet 2: Learning Gratitude from Literature

VOCABULARY:

Gratitude: I am thankful for many things, big and small.

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	✓
Moral Character B	Apply and demonstrate the character strengths of honesty and integrity, caring and compassion, gratitude, and the courage to take initiative	✓
Self-Management A3	Explain the different ways people respond to problems and challenges (e.g., ask for help, try harder, learn from mistakes)	✓
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

Today we will talk more about gratitude.

- 1.) Write gratitude on the board.
- 2.) Ask students to spell gratitude on their worksheet.
- 3.) Ask students to copy the definition of gratitude on their worksheet.
- 4.) Read [*Gratitude is My Superpower*](#) (text) or play the [video](#) read aloud (~6 min).
- 5.) Ask students how the Betsy in the story showed gratitude.
- 6.) Ask students to draw a picture on their worksheets that shows how Betsy in the story showed gratitude.
- 7.) Ask students to share their pictures with a classmate and discuss how they drew an example of gratitude.

KINDERGARTEN UNIT 3 WORKSHEET 2: LEARNING GRATITUDE FROM LITERATURE

Gratitude: I am thankful for many things, big and small.

Write the word gratitude:

ACTIVITY:

Write the definition of the word gratitude:

Draw a picture that shows how Betsy in the story showed gratitude: