



FOCUS on CHARACTER Lesson Plans

Unit Overview

Grades K-6

Every Lesson:

- Identifies **key vocabulary** and tricky phrasing
- Includes **discussion starters** and **questions to check for understanding**
- Features engaging **writing prompts**
- Includes **activities** and at least one **printable** activity or resource

Aligned to Common Standards

Every lesson plan aligns with grade-level standards in **Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening and Literacy**.

Every lesson plan supports **ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors**.

Seven book-based lesson plans that elaborate on the letter 'D' in NED's name.

PRIMARY K-2 IDEAL FOR LESSON PLANS		<h2>Just a Duck</h2> <p>Carin Bramsen</p> <p>ideal for </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Photos of Animals: <i>Teaching aid</i>• I Can Book: <i>Story retelling, personalization and writing practice</i>• Art Collage: <i>Textural art project</i>	Do Your Best Uniqueness of Me Friendship Compassion
		<h2>Pete the Cat & the New Guy</h2> <p>Kimberly and James Dean</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing Prompt: <i>Writing practice</i>• Second Writing Prompt: <i>Writing practice</i>	Self-Acceptance Never Give Up Determination
		<h2>Clorinda</h2> <p>Robert Kinerk Illustrated by Steven Kellogg</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing Sheet: <i>Story telling and reflection</i>• Good, Better, Best: <i>Self-Assessment</i>	

INTERMEDIATE IDEAL FOR 3-6 LESSON PLANS	Book Title and Author		Printable Activities	Themes
		Calvin Can't Fly Jennifer Berne Illustrated by Keith Bendis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone's Unique: Identify and reflection chart (double-sided) 	Do Your Best Never Give Up Uniqueness of Me Self-Acceptance
		Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great Bob Shea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story Planning: Pre-write brainstorm • Peer Edit Guide: Reference handout • When We Do Our Best: Personal reflection with partners 	Encouragement Boasting
		The Dot Peter H. Reynolds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic Organizer: Persuasive Writing Organizer 	
		Better Than You Trudy Ludwig Illustrated by Adam Gustavson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Inventory: Self-assessment • Class Survey: Create a list to identify unique traits 	