

Individuality Within a Community

Performance Learning PLUS #37

Purpose for the Lesson: To help students understand and value the importance of individuality, and how it can survive in a classroom community.

Materials: Knife, apples for each student, paper towels

Sequence of the Activity:

- Discuss individuality.
- List individual gifts and talents that everybody has.
- Introduce apples and ask students to choose one.
- Ask students to become familiar with their apple so they can identify it.
- Have students place all apples up front.
- Have students come up front and try to identify their apple from the rest of the group.
- Discuss individuality again.
- Slice apples in half and have students observe “star” found in the center of the apple.
- Talk about how each person has their own star that makes them special.

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