Opposites are Okay

Time needed: 20 minutes Recommended Level: All grades Categories: Diversity, Tolerance Common Core Standard (s): Speaking & Listening Purpose: Students will appreciate the similarities and differences among their classmates.

DISCUSSION:

As a group, discuss how people are alike and different. Talk about the importance of accepting people for who they are and appreciating the differences in each other.

Discuss the term tolerance: a fair, objective, and permissive attitude toward those whose opinions we do not share.

ACTIVITY:

Using the Bingo template (attached), have each student fill in an individual characteristic they possess into each square. For example: hair color, eye color, family size, favorite colors, food, etc.

Once they have completed their bingo cards, have them mix and mingle with the goal being to find students who have something different than what they have recorded. That student's name should be recorded in the box.

The goal is to fill their entire bingo sheet without using anyone's name two times.

FOLLOW-UP:

Discuss some of the differences students noticed among their peers. This activity could also be completed on a separate day looking for peers that shared the same characteristic.



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