

Blue Jay Way – Nest Lesson #3

This lesson focuses on preparing students for tomorrow's Valentine's Day Service Project. It is important that we work toward building empathy with our students, and connect them to the "why" of our service project.

This time, there is not a craft to drive the lesson. Rather, we have incorporated Visible Thinking routines to help students generate deeper feeling and meaning for the lesson.

This lesson is going to move very quickly. Please try to get settled in and started with the video as soon as possible. You may want to view the video once before the lesson to familiarize yourself with it.

- **10:55:** 5th graders and Kindergartners begin to travel
- **11:00:** All students begin to travel. Please remind students to walk quietly in the halls. Music will play to cue travel to nests.
- **11:05:** Once all students have arrived, quickly reiterate the theme for Blue Jay Way: "Consider Kindness," and point out that today's focus is on preparing for tomorrow's service project.
- **Play the video:** <https://vimeo.com/255452278>
 - Pause the video at :48 for the first of two images for a quick See-Think-Wonder discussion
 - Pause the video again at 1:00 for a second See-Think-Wonder discussion
- **By 11:15** Once the video is over, begin your own chalk talk. You have four separate pieces of paper, each with a different question. Please remind students to "let the chalk do the talking," and save discussion for when the activity is done.
 - Younger students can draw pictures to show their thinking, if they choose.
 - The papers are smaller, so you may need to remind students to leave room for everyone's thoughts

- Student Council representatives will collect the completed chalk talks
 - If possible, take pictures of this experience and email them to Erin and Sabrina!
- ****By 11:25** You may need to cut the chalk talk short, in order to leave time for a quick discussion. Point out the great connections students made to children who are in the hospital, and the empathy you can see coming out of this Nest. Remind them to take these feelings into tomorrow's service project, and to envision the joy they are bringing to a child and his/her family by showing kindness—Barnard-style. 😊
- **Kindergarten students will begin to travel with buddies at 11:25. Music to transition back to class will begin at 11:30.**
- **If you are in need of filler at the end, please continue to discuss the chalk talk.**