

Reading into Success Story Guides

Social Emotional Learning

Before Reading:

- Read the title aloud, along with the author and illustrator. Ask for a prediction on what the book will be about, after showing the cover.
- Do a picture walk by flipping through the pages looking at the illustrations. Let the child make observations. You do not have to read text, unless you want to draw attention to any special features.
- Have you ever regretted how you treated someone? Why do you feel bad about this?

During Reading:

- Have you ever had someone new join your class? Why is it hard to get to know someone new?
- What nickname was given to Maya? Was Maya's nickname friendly or mean?

After Reading:

- Can nicknames be good? When are nicknames bad?
- How is kindness like the ripples from the stone?
- Why do you think Chloe was really bothered by Maya leaving? What did Chloe learn/come to realize?

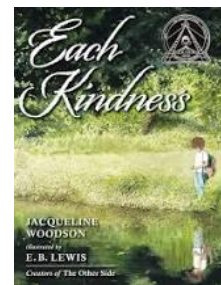
Putting into Practice:

- Can we be kind to people that are not our friends? What can that look like?
- What can we do if we have treated someone unkind? Will it take courage to make up for our past mistakes?
- Why is it important to treat everyone with kindness?
- Is it possible to treat others that have been mean to us with kindness? (Yes) Does that mean we have to be friends with them to be nice? (No)

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A storybook guide for **Each Kindness** written by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by E.B. Lewis.

SEL Competencies

Self-Awareness,
Social Awareness,
Relationship Skills,
Responsible
Decision-Making

Themes

Kindness,
Differences,
Friendship

Book

Description

Chloe learns a lesson about kindness, but it is too late for the new girl, Maya.