GROWING AS A GROUP
K-2
Sharing is Caring

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Purpose:

The purpose of this lesson is to engage students in a problem-solving task when there is a scarcity of materials.

Objectives:

The learner will:
- engage in an activity that requires sharing to solve a problem.
- brainstorm a variety of solutions to the problem.
- discover that they must share limited resources to solve task.
- give an example of caring.
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Materials:

- Cardboard alphabet letters (equal to half the number of students who are present)
- Crayons or pencils
- Paper
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Instructional Procedure(s):

Anticipatory Set:
- Explain that there is a problem and that help is needed from the class to solve it.
- Explain problem. Each child is to trace and color the designated cardboard alphabet letter on white paper, (it could be any letter, but for purposes of instruction, use the letter "A." Only a limited amount of letters are available (the teacher will have enough for half of the class).
- Invite children to brainstorm ideas as to how the problem can be solved.
- Accept all reasonable suggestions and write them on large blank piece of chart paper.
- Students will discuss their choices with teacher and decide why each will or will not work.
- Cross out suggestions that will not work.
- Students will decide which solution will work the best.

- Students will complete the task.
- Tell students that there are many ways to demonstrate caring. Three important ways can be sharing supplies, taking turns, and inviting others to play with you.
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Assessment:

Teacher observation. Teacher will note whether children discover that one of the solutions to the problem is for everyone to take turns and to share the letters that they have. Ask students to share ways that they have demonstrated this behavior outside of the classroom.

Language Arts Connection:

Identify the letters used in the lesson.

Math Connection:

Count the number of letters used in the lesson.