

Transcript: Opening Question

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Teacher: The opening question for our values lesson today is: "How do we make people feel included in our community?" OK, discuss in your little group here.

(Off screen, students discuss question in small groups.)

Hannah: If Me, Jake and Sophie were in a group and me and Sophie were talking for a while, and then I asked Jake about his opinion about the idea then he might feel more included. Because then I'm asking for his idea or if he agrees or disagrees. Then he might feel more comfortable.

Jake: And I thought of like all twelve of us, well they have been here for three years and the other ten of us have been here for four years. So if there's another kid that comes in next year in fourth grade and he or she, it will be her or his first day, so it'll be like he or she doesn't have any friends. Or like doesn't know anybody. So we can welcome them in. Like to make them feel comfortable.

Teacher: Does anyone want to add to those ideas or build off it?

Sophia: I want to add to Jacob's idea. If someone comes in the morning, it's kind of different actually but kind of similar though. If you greet them, when you're greeting someone in the morning don't like be like sad, like this and say hi (covers her face with her hand and looks down) and not like happy...you should be nice to them when they come in. And if someone new comes in like Jacob's [idea] you shouldn't crowd around them, even though you want to be nice to them, because they won't feel that good.

Halle: You can't walk up to someone and be like, "Hi, I'm Halle." (Halle moves in very close to the student next to her.)

Sophia: Like so many people crowding around. They don't like that. You think they would, but they don't like it.

Halle: You can just walk up and say, (calmly), "Hi."

Teacher: So giving them a little bit of personal space?

Sophia: Yeah.

Teacher: Anybody else?

Sam: Our group was talking about inviting people over if they were new in the school or

something like that. Like anybody, not to exclude people, and to share.

Jacob: And also let's say there's someone new. Kind of like what Halle and Sophia were just saying, except that if they are new you don't really want to give them a bad day on their first day.