



Educator Guide

You're "Egg-cellent" Activity

Materials List

- 24-48 empty plastic eggs, (depending on class size, 2-3 per student depending on class size)
- Scrap paper, cut into 2 inch by 4 inch strips
- Chalk pen
- Pencils

Time: 15-20 minutes, depending on class size

Learning Objective

By the end of this activity, a student should be able to:

- Describe and classify different kinds of objects by their observable properties.

SEL Competencies:

Relationship skills: The ability to establish and maintain healthy and rewarding relationships with diverse individuals and groups.

Preparation

- Cut paper into strips.
- Number the eggs.
- Assign a corresponding number to each student on the class roster.
- Write the student number on the outside of the egg (or eggs, if using more than one).
- Write the student's name the paper slip.
- Place the slip inside the egg.

How to play:

1. **Tell** the class:
 - We will be writing gratitude eggs to each other. Everyone has been assigned a number. You will get an egg with a number on it. Inside, there is a slip of paper with the person's name.
 - On the back of the slip of paper, write one (1) thing you are thankful for about that person. This can be what they contribute. This can be that they tell funny stories. What you write must be positive, loving and appreciative.
 - We will take five minutes to write our compliments.
 - When I call time, we will exchange eggs.
2. **Show** the class the egg, the slip of paper and examples of what to say. Tell students respect is conveyed in how we talk to and about each other.



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3. **Do:**
 - Pass out the eggs
 - **Optional:** Play music during the writing time.
4. **Tell** the class when time is up.
5. **Do** exchange gratitude eggs.
6. **Optional:** Let students share compliments with the class, if desired.

Success Tips

- **Use** student ID numbers.
- **Try** bigger slips of paper for longer notes.
- **Use** fill-in-the-blank prompts to encourage compliments. *"I like that you..."*

Outside the Classroom

- **Give** students blank sheets of paper and glue sticks to adhere their slips to a sheet. Make a recycled cardboard frame. Decorate with stickers.