Humane Education: Teaching English by Teaching Kindness to Animals

Thursday, May 30th at 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm
Location: Garden State A
Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Brunswick
What is Humane Education?

• A type of character education, including animal well-being
• Expanding use – growing faster than the research
• Most teachers hold positive perceptions of humane education.
Animals Appeal to Children

- From an early age, children show an interest in animals.
- A Humane Society of the US study demonstrated 99.3% of children aged 3 to 13 wanted to have pets.

The Interest in Animals Leads to Impact on Children:

- Animals facilitate conversation & decrease anxiety.
Ice Breaker

Humane Education Scenarios

• 1. One reader per group.
• 2. Discuss
• 3. Write possible solutions
• 4. Come to consensus on one group solution.
• 5. Be prepared to report out.
Humane Education Scenarios

- Have you ever had to help someone in need?
- Read the situation
- (DEPENDING ON YOUR SCENARIO)

Post-reporting out: What did you decide? OR What can we do to prevent these types of situations from occurring?

WIDA Standards: Speaking, Listening, Reading
Not Always Desirable to Have a Live Animal
Safe Topics & Species

• The “gateway” animals

• Familiarity invites student sharing
Student & Teacher Connection

• Enhanced closeness between the students and the teacher.

• Two-way street
  • Mutual goodwill feeling toward the animals

• Outside of school hours
Age, Gender, and Culture of Student

- Considerations in the delivery & reception of humane education
- Gender
  - Types of tasks
  - Types of species
  - Age

- Physical Environment/Culture
You can name her whatever you like but be sure it’s something you can remember. You’ll be using it as a security question answer for the rest of your life.
Your Turn 😊

English Grammar at the Farm Sanctuary!
Too Many Puppies? A Math Lesson with a Humane Education Message! (Math English Vocabulary)

Facts: Every year, 6 to 8 million animals enter animal shelters in the U.S., where they’ll wait for their forever home. This is an overpopulation crisis.
Conclusions of the Study

• Humane education effectively increases student motivation and engagement.
• Consider culture, gender, and school leadership
• Develops student curiosity & interest
This room celebrates my egocentric disregard for other species.
Websites & Handouts

Your handouts come from some of these websites
*standards-aligned / done for you!

https://teachheart.org/

https://www.peta.org/teachkind/

What did I gave you?

1. Share the World DVD & curriculum kit – available in Spanish! (Teachkind)
2. Humane alternatives to chicken hatching lessons (United Poultry Concerns) – talk to others – the science teacher/math teacher
Visuals of Humane Education
Where else can you go?

• Farm Sanctuary visits to NJ & animal cruelty speakers too...
  https://www.farmsanctuary.org/humane-education/

• Humane Education Coalition
  https://www.hecoalition.org/
  (partners page) – comprehensive list

• Act Asia – resources for Chinese students -
  https://www.actasia.org/
Language Arts – Humane Education

• Reading List – animal friendly book list – many topics
  https://nhes.org/humane-education/recommended-reading-list/

• KIND News – samples provided
  https://redrover.org/readers/kind-news-magazine/
LOHVNJ & My Contact

• **HECommittee@hotmail.com** (my email)
  My organization is the
  Humane Education Committee
  www.humaneeducationcommittee.org

• “NJEA Review” – copy of my article to take home

• League Of Humane Voters of NJ
  You care about animals & vote? Then, it’s good to join – free! www.lohvnj.org