



Warm Fuzzy Bag

Time: two 20-minute periods

Materials: felt bags or envelopes, pencils, pens, paper

Objective:

- 1) To build group inclusion
- 2) To reinforce the concept of appreciation
- 3) To build self-esteem

Instructions:

- 1) Have each person make a small bag out of poster paper (or provide/make another form of container) and decorate/personalize the envelope-container.
- 2) Have the participants hang their bags around the room
- 3) Ask each participant to write a warm fuzzy statement for each member of his or her group – or one for each member of the whole group and place them in the warm fuzzy bag/container
- 4) Tell the participants that they can place additional warm fuzzies in the bags/containers anytime throughout the month/school year/ project/ session. Set aside time periodically for participants to open their bags and read the messages they have received.

Suggested Reflection Questions:

Content/Thinking

- What did you learn during this activity?
- Why is it important to know how to give warm fuzzies?
- How might your own world be a better place if people gave away more warm fuzzies?

Social

- How has the group/class climate changed as a result of this activity?

Personal

- How did you feel about receiving such nice messages?

Appreciation:

Invite statements of appreciation:

- “I liked it when....”

(Tribes A New Way of Learning and Being Together by Jeanne Gibbs)



Alternate to Warm Fuzzies –

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