

## Looking for More?

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### Supplemental Activities & Resources

#### Synergy Stew

Use a crock-pot to make Synergy Stew. Have each student bring a different ingredient to add to the stew, such as pre-cut carrots, onions, celery, potatoes, peas, salt and pepper, chicken or beef. Let each student place his or her ingredient in the pot. Simmer until done, and serve to the class. Point out that our class is like a stew with many different ingredients. We can still taste all the different ingredients, but by putting them together, we create something new and special that only happens when we cooperate—Synergy Stew.

#### Music Extender

##### *Synergy Circus*

Create the “music” of a circus by having different groups of students make different sounds. Have one group begin by saying, “Oom-pah-pah.” Have a second group chime in with “Peanuts!” “Popcorn!” “Cracker Jacks!” Then have the third group sing, “George Washington’s bridge/Is a wonderful, wonderful bridge.” Separately, none of the groups sound like much, but when they put their “songs” together they create the sounds of a circus.

#### Language Arts Extender

##### *Strength-Building Exercises*

To encourage your class to remember their own strengths and those of their classmates, use the strengths on workbook page 1 to expand your spelling and vocabulary lists.

#### Recommended Reading

*There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom*, by Louis Sachar. Random House, 1997. The story of how a school counselor builds a bridge between herself and Bradley Chalkers, a bully, and the least liked kid in fifth grade.

*The Star Fisher*, by Lawrence Yep. Scholastic, 1992. A story of acceptance of a Chinese-American family in a small town in West Virginia in 1927, this book is about prejudice, discrimination and courage.

*The Janitor’s Boy*, by Andrew Clements. Aladdin Paperbacks, 2001. Jack is embarrassed about his dad being the school janitor. He is teased and bullied by his friends, and he becomes angry with his dad. Through a series of consequences, Jack deals with his anger and begins to truly respect his dad.

#### Suggested Video

*Only One Me, Only One You: Respecting Differences*. Sunburst Visual Media.

This 25-minute video helps children to appreciate cultural and personal differences among peers. It shows students that in accepting the unique strengths of others, they learn to value themselves. Call to order (800-431-1934) or visit [www.sunburstvm.com](http://www.sunburstvm.com).