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Eyes That Kiss in the Corners

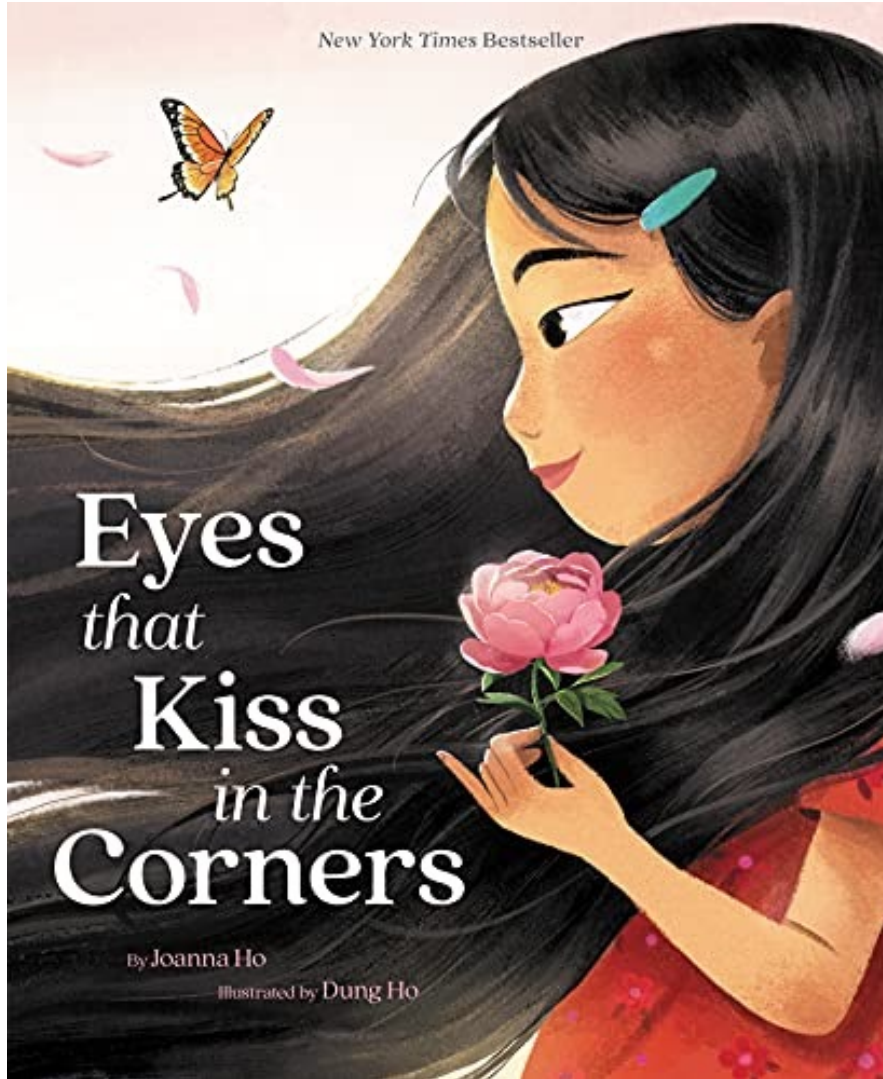
ABC CHAMPION YEAR LESSON 5
PROJECT CORNERSTONE

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A YMCA of Silicon Valley Initiative

ABC:

Champion Year



Key Phrases:

- **Be True to You**
- **Find Your Authentic Self**

Empathy: Connect with Empathy

Empathy is...

**seeing with the eyes of another,
listening with the ears of another,
and feeling with the heart of another.**

Focus on These Empathy Skills:

- **Compassion**
- **Celebrate your authentic self**
- **Relate and care for others by understanding more about them**

Information for ABC Readers

Background Information:

Key Points

Microaggressions are **subtle**, often **unintentional** actions or comments that convey negative messages toward individuals or groups based on race, gender, sexual orientation, or religion. These everyday slights could be insensitive jokes, backhanded compliments, or implicit bias.

Background Information: Key Points

What is the story of your family and connection to America?

Have you ever experienced micro-aggressions?

Does your family have rituals that promote cultural values?

Conversation Starter

Conversation Starter: Your Reflection is You

Grades K-2



Conversation Starter: Grades K-6

Restorative Justice Circle

- What is your favorite color?
- What is something fun to do?
- What is your favorite meal?



Reading The Book

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Discussing The Book

Discussion:

Grades K-2



1. The author writes that the family in the book has “eyes that kiss in the corners”. How are other eyes described in the book?
2. What words would you use to describe your eyes?
3. How do eyes show different emotions?

Discussion:

Grades 3-6



Activity Options

Activity Options: Grades K-6

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall



Positive affirmations
are positive thoughts
about YOU!

Activity Options: Grades 3-6

Unique Me in a Diverse World

Create an Identity Map that celebrates you!



- What makes you unique?
- What talents, interests, values, and personal traits contribute to your story?

Activity Options: Gratitude Circle

Grades K-6



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Gratitude Tree



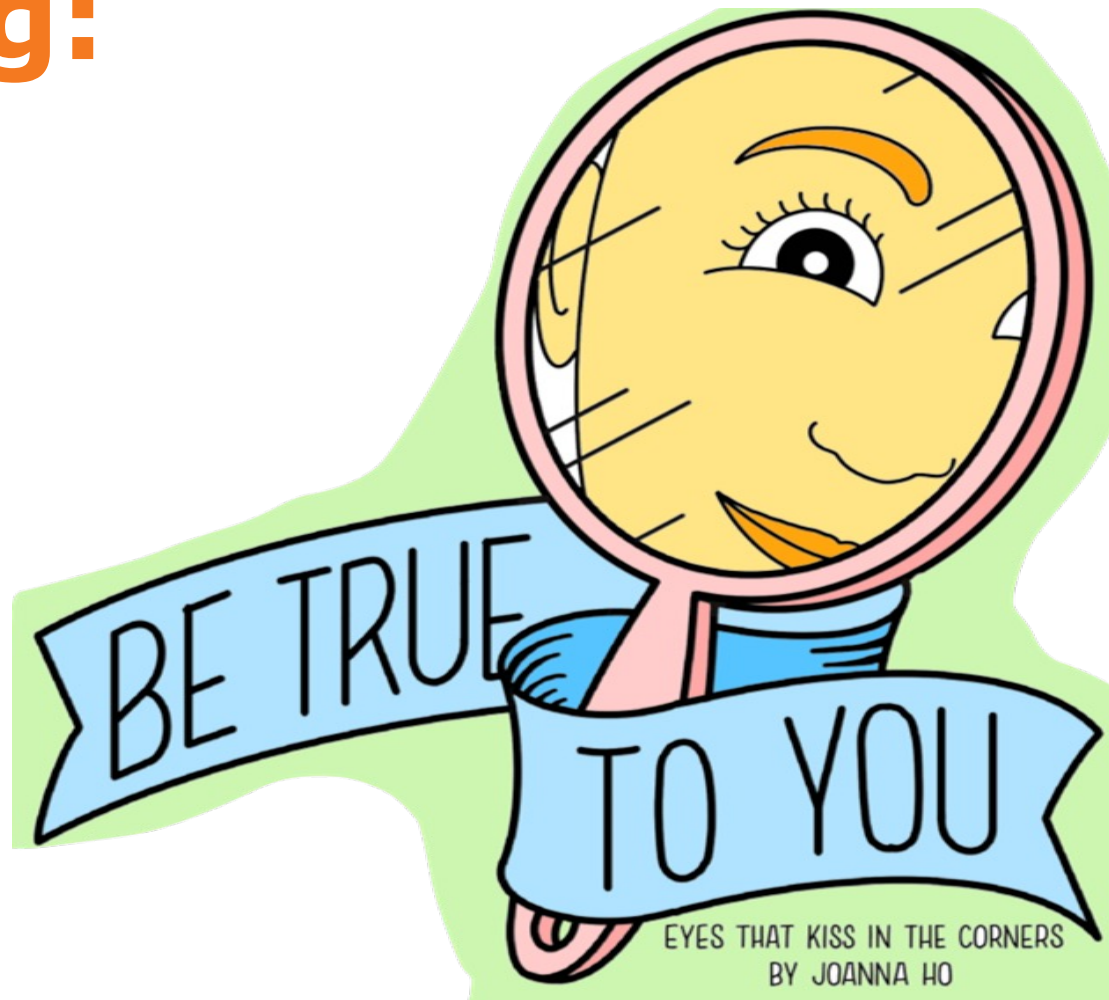
Activity Options: Grades 3-6

Be True and Be Kind Pins



Closing

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Call to Action: **BE TRUE TO YOU AND SHARE YOUR STORY**

School Wide Extensions

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- Set up an art walk.
- Ask for families and restaurants to contribute foods that reflect the community.
- Encourage all to dress in traditional clothes that represent their culture or heritage.
- Set up stations to teach games, dances, or arts from different countries.
- Students can be encouraged to do live cultural performances.

School Wide Extensions

Film Festivals



Storytelling Circles



Guest Speakers



Home and School Communication

Newsletter Blurb

Student Stickers

Parent Letter or Email Blurb

Family Movie Night



Be true to you

Closing Comments



- Refresh ABC Group Norms
- Budget for New Books
- Asset Champion Breakfast March 15!