GLOBAL GAME CHANGERS
STUDENT EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

OGO J.A.R. Teacher Appreciation Project
IN HONOR OF TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

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LESSON OBJECTIVE: To engage students for National Teacher Appreciation Week to Ignite Good!® through a service project honoring their teachers and recognizing them for everything they do to improve their lives and make their school a better place. *Total Estimated Time: 30-45 minutes.*

SUPPLIES: OGO J.A.R.* or other jar, writing utensils, colorful paper
Registered educators on GGC's Online Educator Portal may request J.A.R.s sent at no cost.

INTRODUCTION

EXPLAIN: This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. Today, we're going to get the opportunity to recognize a teacher at our school for the amazing things they do! In fact, you are going to join kids from all around the country who are going to show how they care for teachers.

- By caring for others, you show compassion. You can use that talent to become a Real-Life Superhero just like the Global Game Changers.

SHARE: Your class will be awarding the teacher of your choice with an OGO! J.A.R., which stands for "O Great One! Jackpot of Acknowledgment and Recognition."

SHARE:

- CLASS MISSION: to tell one teacher who works at our school about the good we see inside him/her.

DISCUSS:

- How does it make you feel when someone recognizes your help or tells you "thank you" for something you did or for hard work you completed?
- How does it make you feel when you recognize others?

EXPLAIN: By recognizing someone, you help them feel awesome and become a Global Game Changers Superhero yourself!

CHOOSE J.A.R. RECIPIENT

CREATE a list of teachers at our school that should be recognized for what they do to help make the school a better place.

SHARE an example:

- Mr. Smith should be given our class OGO J.A.R. because he greets everyone with high fives to start class every day.
- Mrs. Doe should get our class OGO J.A.R. because she always gives us hugs when we feel sad.
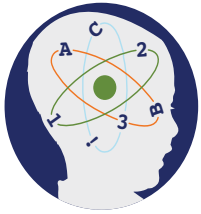
INSTRUCT:

- For all ideas, fill in the blanks in this sentence: I think __(TEACHER)__ should get our class OGO J.A.R. because ____(REASON)____.

VOTE on one teacher from the list to give the jar to!

WRITE RECOGNITION SLIPS

BRAINSTORM AS A CLASS: some words that can be used to describe what is nice about the selected teacher, and write them on the board.

SHARE an example using the words the students brainstormed:

- You're great because you use kind words.
- I appreciate you because you help me learn.

DISTRIBUTE: Recognition slips from your J.A.R.

INSTRUCT: WRITE or DRAW on the slips why you think [the teacher] is great.

PRESENT J.A.R.

INVITE your class' designated honoree to receive the J.A.R.

- Have the students read their slips to the recipient.

REFLECTION

ASK: How does recognizing school teachers help Ignite Good!® in your school?

You're great because (you give me hugs when I am sad.)

I love you
because ( )

You're great
because ( )

You're great
because ( )

You're the
best because ( )

I love you
because ( )

You're great
because ( )

You're great
because ( )

You're the
best because ( )