



The ABCs of You (from the recording, Down the Do Re Mi)

Activities:

- 1. Singing Telegrams:** Have the entire class learn the song. Then, send a “Singing Telegram” to another class, the principal, or a teacher on his/her birthday, etc.
- 2. Quality of the Day:** Everyday for one month choose a word from the song, look it up in the dictionary and have the class come up with examples of how the quality is expressed. Or, assign one word to each student and have them look the word up and write a paragraph giving examples of the expression of the quality.
- 3. Greeting Cards:** Have the children work in partners to write a short list of words that describe each other. Have them each make a greeting card (the friendship card) for the other person using the words from the list. The ground rules for the this activity are:
 - a. The list must be positive
 - b. Backhanded comments are not allowed. Ex: I think you play baseball great, for a girl. Or, you are smart which makes it okay that you’re a little weird.
- 4.** Make a greeting card using the entire song and give it to a friend.
- 5. Alliteration:** Have each child use the words from the song that begin with the same letter as his/her own name and write a sentence using alliteration. Example: Capable, caring Carol cooked a casserole for the class! Very, very, valuable Vincent views videos voraciously!
- 6.** Create a bulletin board that is an ocean. Have each child choose one word from the song that describes his or herself. Put the child’s name and her word in a boat in the ocean.