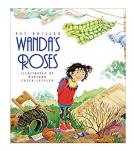
Unit 1: Building Strong Communities

WEEK 8 Day 1



Text Talk Wanda's Roses Read 1 of 2

Big Ideas	Caring for each other builds community.
	When people in communities talk, work, play, and learn together, they can create positive change.
Weekly Question	What is a community?
Content Objectives	Using key details, I can describe the author's message. (R.5.1.a)
Objectives	I can describe the ways that the story's characters act as good members of a community. (Civics & Government 1)
Language Objective	I can answer questions about a text read aloud. (SL.2.1.a)
SEL Objective (Boston)	I can recognize positive indicators of healthy relationships and problem-solving strategies in the story. (SR 3.1)
Vocabulary	 lot: empty area of land thorny: covered in thorns, prickly bloom: become a full flower cultivate: help to grow
Materials and Preparation	 Wanda's Roses, Pat Brisson Pre-mark page numbers in the book to correspond with the lesson. Page 1 begins, "One morning in May"

	On the whiteboard, write: What are the ways that the characters in the story show they care about each other?
	What do you think the author is trying to teach us about what makes a community?
	Prepare the Weekly Question Chart with the question: What is a community?
Opening 1 minute	Today we will read Wanda's Roses, by Pat Brisson. In this book, a girl named Wanda decides to cultivate , or help to grow, a bush that looks like a rose bush.
	Set a purpose for reading. As we read today, we will gather key details in order to figure out what the author wants us to know about building community.
Text and Discussion 15 minutes	A lot is an area of open land. Thorny means pointy and prickly. A flower in bloom is one that has grown and opened up.
page 4	
page 7	Think, Pair, Share. What is Wanda excited about? What actions show her excitement? Elicit a few responses.
	What is Mrs. Turner's response to Wanda's idea? What do you think she means when she says "If that's a rosebush, then I'm the queen of England?"
page 13	What are the ways Wanda helps her rosebush grow? Elicit a few responses.
	We know from other books we have read, like Chik Chak Shabbat, that neighbors can be part of a community. Let's think about Wanda's grown up neighbors. How do they respond to Wanda's work with her rose bush? [They help, but the also express quietly that they don't believe roses will grow.]
page 16	How does Mr. Sanchez respond to Wanda's work?
page 20	What is Wanda's idea about her rosebush? How does she decide to bring her neighbors together?
page 24	How do the neighbors respond to Wanda?

Key Discussion 7 minutes	Think, Pair, Share. Prompt 1. What are the ways that the characters in the story show they care about each other? Prompt 2. What do you think the author is trying to teach us about what
Closing 1 minute	makes a community? Today we read Wanda's Roses, thinking about the community in the story. Tomorrow we will look closely at the illustrations.
Weekly Question Chart 1 minute	This week we are exploring the question: What is a community? In Wanda's Roses, the neighbors make up a community because they care about Wanda and each other. Let's record this idea on our chart: Neighbors make up a community because they care about each other. We can add more to our chart during the week.
Standards	 R.5.1.a Retell texts, including details about who, what, when, where, and how; demonstrate an understanding of the theme. SL.2.1.a Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media. Civics & Government 1 Students understand key ideas and processes that characterize democratic government in the community and the United States by recognizing symbols, monuments, celebrations, and leaders of State government. (Boston) SEL SR 3.1 Recognize positive indicators of healthy relationships and problem-solving strategies when faced with peer pressure and conflict. Develop voice and advocate for one's beliefs.
Ongoing assessment	Listen to children's responses during whole group time and Think, Pair, Share. What key details do children tell? How are children describing the ways the characters create a caring community?

Notes

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