

# **Using Brave Capes**





Standards: ELA.RL.KID.PS.1-3 ELA.RL.IKI.PS.1-2 ELA.RL.LTC.PS.1 CA.DE.PS.1-3 CA.DP.PS.1-2 SED.ED.SC.PS.1, 6-7 SED.ED.SR.PS.1



#### **Materials:**

- Nana in the City
- child-made Brave Capes
- clothespins
- string
- adhesives

## **Vocabulary:**

- brave
- power(-ful)
- cape
- help(-ful)
- scary

**Preparation:** Set up materials.

#### **Intro to Centers:**

"In *Nana in the City*, the boy thought the city was *scary*. What did his grandmother do to help him feel *brave*?"

"How did the boy show that he was feeling brave?"

"Here are *brave* capes that you made in the Art Studio. What do you notice?"

"Today in Dramatization and Blocks, you can wear your *capes*. How can you act brave?"

Show illustrations. Children respond.

Children respond.

Show child-made Brave Capes Children respond.

Children respond.

## **During Centers:**

Support children in deciding whether to wear their capes. Assist children in fastening their capes with clothespins, string, etc. Encourage children to refer to *Nana in the City* and *Max's Dragon Shirt*. Encourage children to collaborate and consider whether it is easier to be brave individually or with a friend. Children may reference superheroes in their play; support them in comparing and contrasting superheroes to bravery/heroism that real people demonstrate. Challenge children to draw pictures and write stories about themselves being brave and powerful.

### **Guiding Questions during Centers:**

- How is your brave cape similar to or different from your friend's *Brave Cape*?
- How is being brave similar to or different from being powerful?
- How can you show that you are brave?

**Thinking & Feedback:** Invite children to share their processes. Encourage children to describe the challenges they might have encountered.

**Documentation:** Collect samples of the children's work as well as photographs and/or video of their process; use the documentation to launch a discussion during Thinking and Feedback.

**Provocation:** Research brave and/or powerful community/family members, i.e, school nurse, firefighter,, grandparent, etc. Encourage children to act out their stories of being brave. Arrange a field trip to a fire station, or arrange for a firefighter to visit children in their classroom.