



SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades 1-3 Lesson Plan

by

Regent Park Film Festival

The Regent Park Film Festival's School Program provides media-literacy programming to students in Grades 1-8 across the GTA. Our programming creates a dialogue surrounding social issues affecting Toronto's diverse student population.

Program Description

We can often feel alone in our journeys of self-discovery and finding meaningful connections. This program focuses on the complex yet universal experiences we all face such as making new friends, figuring out where our home is, and how to make our dreams come true. These films focus on navigating the challenges which ultimately strengthen the relationship with yourself and others around you.

Definitions To Consider

Memories - Events remembered from the past.

Tradition - A practise or belief passed down from past generations. Traditions can be cultural or something that is made up by an individual or group.

Family - A close bond between a group of people. Members of a family can be both related and unrelated, from your community and beyond.

Grief - Experiencing deep sadness, usually after a death or tragic event.

Home - A place in which you live permanently or feel like you belong. Often this is a place where you are among people you love.

Superpower - A dominant physical or mental capability which is unique to you.

BEFORE THE FESTIVAL

1. Share the program description with your students! Let them know they are about to see short films about how we as individuals and larger societies deal with difficult yet common life experiences.
2. Have a brief discussion with some of the following questions:

- a. What is something special or important your family does together?
- b. How do you interact with people who are different from you?
- c. What or where do you consider your home to be? What makes your home a comforting space?

AT THE FESTIVAL - BE A FILM CRITIC!

Print out the Be A Film Critic sheet attached, and bring it to the festival to review the films you see! Rate each film from 1-5 stars.

AFTER THE FESTIVAL

1. Have a Discussion:

- a. What are the films that you remember the most and why?
- b. What were some of the challenges the characters in those films faced?
- c. How would you how overcome some of those same challenges?

2. Creative Response:

What is your superpower? Draw, write or make a skit displaying something you're good at and why. Why is this superpower unique?

3. Take-home Assignment:

What is your biggest dream? Write a reflection, draw a picture or make a video describing your dream and how you can achieve it. Consider what talents you have and what you still need to learn in order to achieve that goal. Finally, ask a loved one for advice - how do they think you can reach your goal?

FILMS

FILM: ALIKE



Synopsis: In a busy life, Copi is a father who tries to teach the right way to his son, Paste. But... What is the correct path?

Themes: Family, Childhood, Creativity, Expectations

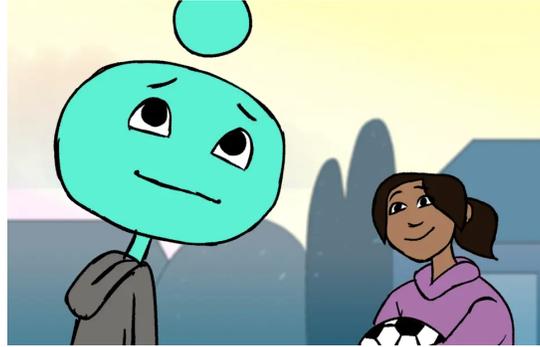
FILM: WHAT'S MY SUPERPOWER?



Synopsis: Nalvana feels like all of her friends have some type of superpower. As she tries out each of her friends' superpowers with no success, she wonders if she might be the only kid in town without a special talent.

Themes: Self - Discovery, Identity, Friendship

FILM: WHERE DOES ELV BELONG?



Synopsis: Elv and his family are from a different planet. When their ship crashes on Earth, he learns the true meaning of 'home' and what it means to belong.

Themes: Friendship, Home, Coming-of-Age

FILM: DAM! THE STORY OF KIT THE BEAVER



Synopsis: Kit, a very independent (and easily distracted) young beaver who loves to explore the sounds of the forest she lives in. While Kit is busy discovering the world, her clan is busy building a dam. During her adventures, Kit teaches her clan about the value of working with others and she learns that progress can come in many forms.

Themes: Friendship, Teamwork, Kindness, Problem Solving

FILM: BIG MOUTH



Synopsis: Trudy has an unfiltered and deeply curious way of looking at the world. Here, events force her to question what it means to speak the truth, and comes to understand how our differences make us unique.

Themes: Friendship, Inclusivity, Honesty

FILM: ONE SMALL STEP



Synopsis: Luna is a young Chinese American girl who dreams of becoming an astronaut. From the day she witnesses a rocket launching into space on TV, she is inspired to reach for the stars. Luna lives with her loving father Chu in the big city and while growing up, she faces all kinds of challenges in pursuit of her dreams.

Themes: STEM, Dreams, Family, Grief



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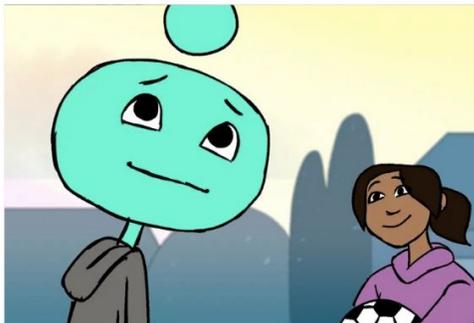
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