**Literacy lesson #4**

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| Topic | Developing a Character |
| Curricular Connection | Storytelling and texts: character development, emotions, moods, and feelings |
| Video Activity | Rylee, Abby and Marley present a simple dance phrase for students to learn. They perform it once as themselves and then they come up with popular storybook characters that they could act as while performing the dance phrase. They begin with dancing as Tigger and showing how the dance becomes higher energy and bouncy, they then switch to Carl from the Pixar movie Up, where the dance is calm, low, and the emotions we portray are very different from Tigger. Finally, we perform the dance as the famous ice princess, Elsa and see the dynamics once again change. |
| Activity | Students take a character of a story that they are very comfortable with, after brainstorming describing words for the character (see list below for help with vocabulary), students will perform the video provided dance phrase as the character. Consider describing words such as sluggish and slouchy like Eeyore or energetic and bouncy like Tigger. |
| Supplementary and extension information | Once students get the hang of the activity, partners can challenge each other to complete the dance as different characters with only moments to prepare (as Batman, go, as Curious George, go).  Individuals, or small groups can also challenge themselves to create their own dance phrase that they think the character would do. Consider the difference in moves and actions between a minion or Spiderman. |

**Character Traits List: Synonyms**

**Synonyms for Nice**  
helpful  
friendly  
kindhearted  
compassionate  
pleasant  
thoughtful  
agreeable  
courteous

**Synonyms for Mean**  
wicked  
rude  
thoughtless  
impolite  
cruel  
hateful  
unfriendly  
unkind

**Synonyms for Happy**  
cheerful  
joyful  
excited  
satisfied  
content  
delighted  
pleased  
glad

**Synonyms for Sad**  
depressed  
serious  
gloomy  
miserable  
unhappy  
discouraged  
sorrowful  
mournful

**Synonyms for Scared**  
terrified  
panicked  
nervous  
afraid  
alarmed  
frightened  
fearful  
petrified

**Synonyms for Mad**  
exasperated  
annoyed  
outraged  
furious  
frustrated  
angry  
displeased  
irritated

**Synonyms for Smart**  
intelligent  
brilliant  
clever  
bright  
skillful  
wise  
brainy

**Synonyms for Brave**  
daring  
courageous  
adventurous  
fearless  
heroic

**Synonyms for Tricky**  
dishonest  
deceitful  
sneaky  
secretive  
sly  
untrustworthy

**Synonyms for Funny**  
amusing  
hysterical  
humorous  
comical  
hilarious  
silly

**Synonyms for Thankful**  
appreciative  
grateful

**Synonyms for Active**  
athletic  
energetic

**Synonyms for Talkative**  
chatty  
communicative

**Synonyms for Shy**  
bashful  
quiet