Lesson 5

Area: Be Inclusive

Title: **Creative Initials**

Objective: Students learn names of other students in class and attach a connotation with student initials.

Materials: **"**Creative Initials" Activity Sheet

Activity: 1. Distribute the activity sheet "Creative Initials" and have the students complete it individually. Encourage the students to think of creative adjectives, verbs and adverbs to match the initials in their names, i.e. Mighty Nice Michael Nelson or Smooth Talking Sam Telk.

2. Divide the class into two or three groups. Ask the groups to sit in a circle. Then have the students in each circle introduce themselves by their "Creative Initials". For example, Samantha Grain says, "Hi, I'm Simply Grand Samantha Grain." Trudy Lopez says, "Hello! My name is Trendy Little Trudy Lopez."

3. After going around the circle once, the groups should do it again, except this time each student also states creative initials of all preceding students before his or her own.

4. If time permits, join groups together as one large group and try the activity.

Closure: Discuss how important a name is, and how much information can be learned from a simple name game like this. It is important to realize that a simple "hello" or introduction can help include another person into a new setting or group. Applying positive descriptor words may help raise self-esteem and/or self-image.

Directions: Fill in the blanks below. For use with the lesson "Creative Initials".

Using the blanks below and the first letters of your first and last names, brainstorm words that describe you. Use your favorite ones to introduce yourself to your classmates.

Example…

Name: *George Washington.*

Initials: *G* and *W*

Words: *Great, General, Worldly, Wonderful*

So…

"Hello! I am Great, Worldly George Washington."

Name: _____ _____
(First Name)   (Last Name)

Initials: _____   _____
(First Initial)   (Last Initial)

Words: _____ _____
(Be creative!) _____ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____

Greeting: "Hello! I am _____ _____
(Favorite describing words)

_____ _____."
          (First Name)   (Last Name)