

## Learning activity

Read both short stories and see if you can decide what the theme of each story may be? You can use a highlighter pen if you like to help you.

Derryon came into the classroom each day with a smile on his face as he said hello to all his classmates. He loved to help others. When a classmate dropped their crayon box, Derryon was the first to stop and help. If a friend was confused about a question, he would do his best to help them understand. One week, Derryon caught a cold. He was out of school for a whole week. When he came back, he was very behind on his work, and felt lost in class. All of his classmates were excited to help Derryon get caught up. Some friends even gave up their recess time to help Derryon understand the math lessons he missed.



Janessa wanted to start a new recycling program at her school. She made a list of over 40 things she needed to do to get the project started. She began by meeting with her principal, researching recycling cans, and contacting the city about recycling pick up. Janessa was getting tired. She was having a hard time getting the program started, while also making sure she completed her homework and went to soccer practice. Janessa told her friends Kathy and Haley about her difficulties. Kathy and Haley suggested they make a recycling club, so that everyone can help Janessa get the recycling program started. The girls scheduled a club meeting and passed out flyers. 12 students came to the club meeting, and each person took a job from Janessa's list. In no time, the list was complete and the recycling program was started!