ELED 3113  
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The Giving Tree

Author: Shel Silverstein

Illustrator: Shel Silverstein

Genre: Poetry

Awards: none

Multicultural: no

Summary:

There was once a tree, and there was a little boy that she loved very much. She loved the boy so much that she sacrificed everything she could for this boy. If he needed money, she gave him her apples to sell in the city. She gave him everything he asked for, and in the end the tree was just a stump. She loved him so much, she gave him all she had.

Personal response:

*The Giving Tree* is one of my all time favorite books. I love Shel Silverstein and all of his drawings are so unique. *The Giving Tree* teaches children to give to others and to be kind at all times. It’s one of the books that sticks with you your entire life, it’s unforgettable and it truly melts the heart.

Activity:

After reading *The Giving Tree*, the teacher will announce that we too, can give to the people we love and care about. We can even give to the people that we don’t know and those who need it most. The activity for *The Giving Tree* is going to be one that truly gives to others. The students will each receive a piece of construction paper, that they will fold in half horizontally. They will choose to make a gratitude card for their parents, teachers, grandparents, siblings, friends, or even a stranger. They’ll include a nice message, and color it if they like. Then once they finish, they will put the card away and save it for their parent, grandparent, teacher, sibling, friend, or stranger. They’ll give the card to the desired person, and spread the same kindness that the giving tree spread to the little boy.

This activity is teacher made.