



I KNOW I CAN

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Here are some possible questions and activities for the students.
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Discussion Questions:

- ✚ Who were the characters in the book?
- ✚ What did they want to be?
- ✚ What do you think about Riley and the choices he made?
- ✚ What do you need to study in school to be a
 - Doctor? – math, science, reading, writing
 - Builder? – math, reading, writing
 - Business Owner? –reading, writing, math
 - Teacher? – reading, writing, math, science
 - Marine biologist? – science, math, reading, writing

During the Postcard Activity:

- ✚ Encourage them to begin drawing what they would like be when they grow up.
- ✚ If they aren't sure, encourage them to think about what they enjoy or what they are good at.
- ✚ Ask them to write the name of what they want to be next to their drawing.
- ✚ Ask them what classes are important to prepare for their career interest.
- ✚ Remind them good grades, reading, writing and math will prepare them for their dreams.
- ✚ Remind those with sport related career dreams that they are required to have good grades in all classes to play on the sports team.
- ✚ Find ways to incorporate math into your conversations.
 - Ask how many years between this grade and when they get their postcards – 2 years
 - Ask how many years before middle school – depends on if it starts in 6th or 7th grade

Wrap-Up Activities:

- ✚ If there is time, ask students to present their career dreams to the class.
- ✚ Have students share the careers of their family members.
- ✚ Remind students to share the activities in the book with their family.
- ✚ Remind students to have their family complete the survey and mail it in so they can win a \$2,000 college savings plan scholarship.
- ✚ Depending on the teacher's preference, either hand out the books before you leave, or show the children that you're leaving books with the teacher so that everyone will receive their own book at the end of the day.
- ✚ Remind students to write their name in their book.
- ✚ Thank them and close by saying, I KNOW YOU CAN!!! or invite them to repeat with you, I KNOW I CAN!