



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?
- + How did Riley feel: how did friends feel with Riley's actions/words? How might you feel?
- + How might you feel if you didn't participate in class or do the work and teacher calls on you?
- + How does it feel when something is hard and a friend or family encourages & motivates you?
- + What do you need to study in school to be a
 - o Doctor? – math, science, reading, writing
 - o Builder? – math, reading, writing
 - o Business Owner? –reading, writing, math
 - o Teacher? – reading, writing, math, science
 - o 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.
 - o Ask how many years between this grade and when they get their postcards – 2 years
 - o 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 return it to school or mail it in so they can win a \$2,000 educational scholarship.
- + Depending on the teacher's preference, hand out books before you leave, or show the children that you're leaving books with the teacher.
- + Remind students to write their name in their book.
- + Thank them and close by saying, I KNOW YOU CAN!!! or invite them to repeat I KNOW I CAN!