

### Lesson 23: Our Coding Community

**Lesson 23 Overview:** In Lesson 23, children recognize help they received and gave to others and express gratitude through a thank-you card.

**Powerful Ideas from Computer Science:** Design Process

**Powerful Ideas from Literacy:** Writing Process

#### I. Warm Up: One Sentence Story

- Teacher starts the story with “Once upon a time there was a Cat.” Children and teachers take turns adding one sentence to the story, ultimately ending up with one story from the class.

#### II. Opening Tech Circle: Collaboration is Key

- Discuss how children may have needed help during projects or activities. It’s important to thank the people who help you. The warm-up story activity wouldn’t be the same if all of the children didn’t contribute to the story.

#### III. Word Time: Collaboration Web & Thank You Cards

- Have children create a collaboration web in their Design Journal. Children should write their name in the center, and the names of people who helped them in the surrounding boxes.
- Alternatively, display a classroom collaboration web on the wall with pictures of children and have children draw lines or attach yarn to the pictures of other children who helped them. Children can also draw pictures of the other child or write their initials if it is easier for children.
- Children will decide on two classmates who helped them and write them thank you cards.

#### IV. Closing Tech Circle: Showing Gratitude

- Children will go around and show one thank you card they made, explaining why they want to thank that person.