

Lesson 17:  
Try Something New

**Lesson 17 Overview:** Lesson 17 explores different ways to express emotions. Children create expressive characters on ScratchJr.

**Powerful Ideas from Computer Science:** Algorithms, Representation  
**Powerful Ideas from Literacy:** Tools of Communication and Language, Sequencing

**I. Warm Up: Charades**

- Play charades using feelings as prompts. Children take turns acting out various feelings and other children guess which emotion they are representing.

**II. Opening Tech Circle: Tools of Communication**

- Discuss “Tools of Communication” using the prompts such as: Are there other ways to express feelings without just looking at someone's face? How do you know what they're expressing? Do their expressions always look the same as yours?

**III. Word Time: Read Aloud “Stellaluna”**

- Read aloud “Stellaluna” and notice characters changing throughout the book.

**IV. ScratchJr Time: Let Me Hear How You Feel?**

- Children program an expressive character using the kitten on ScratchJr. They may practice using the Sound Recorder block and/or the Say block to show an expressive character.
- For a challenge, children use Repeat blocks or parallel programming with the Sound Recorder.

**V. Closing Tech Circle: Share Creations**

- A few children share their programs.

**ScratchJr Blocks:**

Repeat  
Say  
Play Recorded Sound

