New global education resource for the youngest learners

New York, USA – July 10th, 2018 – The One Globe Kids award-winning library of digital global friendship stories can now be used to meet ELA Common Core Standards for reading comprehension, writing, speaking and listening, and language.

With support of the Longview Foundation, One Globe Kids developed a Global Friendship curriculum to go with the One Globe Kids non-fiction stories. Teachers in Kindergarten, first and second grade can now bring the world into the classroom as part of daily ELA education.

“A smart, thoughtful way to learn about the lives of kids around the world.”
- Common Sense Media Education

Easy to fit into the school year
The curriculum is designed to give full flexibility to work with One Globe Kids for three weeks or spread out to a full year, depending on how many stories/countries a teacher decides to include. For each grade, a teacher guide explains how to use One Globe Kids, complete with curriculum structures and CCS alignment table. A pack of 11 lessons per grade offers an easy and innovative way to teach global citizens while meeting ELA Common Core Standards.

- Kindergarten - The lessons for kindergarten focus on the unifying theme of Family. Students will explore how their family is unique and what they have in common with the families of their new One Globe Kids friends around the world. After meeting a new friend, by listing to and/or reading the story, students work on autobiographies, share what makes their families special, go on a pretend trip and find out more about customs and languages in families and around the world.

- First grade - The lessons for first grade focus on the unifying theme of Community. Students will explore how their community is both local and global and what their community has in common with the communities of their new One Globe Kids friends around the world. After meeting a new friend, by reading and listing to the story, students work on an essay about their community, meanwhile finding out more about maps, languages, and how life is similar and different between communities.

- Second grade - The lessons for second grade focus on the unifying theme of Citizenship. Students will explore what is means to be a citizen, both local and global, and what being a citizen here has in common with being a citizen in the locations of their new One Globe Kids friends. After meeting a new friend, by reading the story together or individually, students start writing a citizenship letter, while finding out about ways to be a citizen, and how citizens around the world are all different and all the same.

Common Core standards aligned and more
The One Globe Kids ELA lessons encompass reading comprehension, writing, speaking, listening and language skills, but also much more. Not only will students learn about the world through the eyes of peers their own age, they’ll develop the global knowledge, culturally-open attitudes, contact skills, and pro-social behaviors that support college and career success in our diverse world. The Global Friendship Goals used in the curriculum are based on research in intergroup contact theory and have been specifically crafted to foster intercultural competence and encourage diverse friendship.
“I was amazed at how my students responded and how they were able to make connections to their own life. My students are able to relate to these kids around the world. We love One Globe Kids because it keeps my students engaged.”
- H. Rowell, 2nd grade teacher

Free to try
All materials can be found on the One Globe Kids website, are free to access after an email sign up, and can be downloaded directly from the ELA page. The One Globe Kids stories can be accessed via iOS apps or online platform. Classrooms can visit Valdo in Haiti and Larasati in Indonesia for free or get access to all stories for $39 per year.

“We know that making friends outside their daily bubble is great for kids growing up in our diverse globalized world. We also know that teachers have many resources to choose from when teaching about the globe we share. Using technology in global education and having virtual friends share their lives around the world is new. It’s time to proof the impact of simulated friendship on attitudes of young children towards “foreigners”.
– Anne Glick, co-founder Globe Smart Kids

One Globe Kids is the only global education resource for the youngest students to offer authentic in debt non-fiction stories in combination with a standards aligned curriculum, made by teachers and based on intercultural competence research.

About the Longview Foundation
The Longview Foundation (www.longviewfdn.org) seeks to build a more peaceful, just, and sustainable world by equipping youth with a global perspective and understanding of political, social, and environmental issues worldwide. They accomplish this by supporting teacher preparation, state initiatives and coalitions, and innovative programs focused on internationalizing education in the United States.

About Globe Smart Kids
Globe Smart Kids (www.globesmartkids.org) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with the mission to make the foreign feel familiar to kids worldwide. One Globe Kids is their program for the youngest learners. With new technology, One Globe Kids helps children 4-10 years old move beyond prejudice towards openness, mutual liking and friendship with those from outside their daily bubble, both near and far.

About One Globe Kids
One Globe Kids (www.oneglobekids.org) is an award-winning digital library of global friendship stories and activities. All materials can be used at home or in the classroom to prepare children for positive direct contact and cross-group friendship. The One Globe Kids program is built on 70 years of research into intergroup contact and is made in collaboration with real children and families around the world. Users can currently visit new friends in Indonesia, Haiti, NYC, Burundi, Israel and The Netherlands. Friendship stories from Palestine and Norway are in production.

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