



Lesson Plan - Week of September 27, 2004

Making a Community

Teacher Notes

This activity is useful at the beginning of the school year, or can be used whenever groupings of students are changed in order to build a sense of mutual respect and responsibility. Some possibilities are:

1. **Change** the wording of the traits to fit your group's needs.
2. Have students **add** additional important traits in the spaces at the bottom of the page.
3. After students have chosen their top five character traits, you may simply **list** them on the board and discuss, with or without counting how many times they were chosen.
4. It is meaningful to have students **describe** how a particular characteristic could be used to enhance the group (i.e. how a sense of humor can help everyone get along.) Personal stories illustrating positive behaviors are very effective.
5. Have students make **posters** about the group's favorite characteristics. Include a large label and an illustration. Post them around the room, hallway, or school.
6. **Role-play** situations where someone displays a positive characteristic.
7. Older students can **write** children's stories or cartoon strips showing how good behaviors help a situation.
8. Students can **rank order** their five favorites and give them a point value (1-5). Class totals may be used to create a **bar graph**.
9. Students may write classroom **rules** based on their findings.
10. Students endeavor to "**catch someone doing good**" during their day. They report the student to the teacher, along with the positive behavior. Rewards can be given.
10. Ask the students for additional suggestions!

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Student _____ Date _____

From the list below, check off the **FIVE** character traits you believe students need most to help us be able to create a positive classroom environment. We should be...

Brave

Caring

Careful

Cheerful

Compassionate

Confident

Cooperative

Creative

Courteous

Determined

Dependable

Eager

Fair

Forgiving

Friendly

Generous

Good Natured

Helpful

Honest

Honorable

Humorous

Joyful

Kind

Loyal

Optimistic

Patient

Polite

Reliable

Respectful

Responsible

Self-controlled

Thoughtful

Tolerant

(other) _____

Remember what Packy PlayFair™ says:



Sports are good - be one!™