

DECEMBER

Respect Yourself and Others

- Community
 - Respect
 - Manners
 - Communication Skills
 - Helping Others
 - Inclusion
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Belonging to a community means getting along with others, having a special place, and knowing what others expect of you. It is important for children to understand that as active participants of their school community they help create a safe and caring environment. The more we teach children to get along, the more responsible and productive they will become.

MONTHLY OBJECTIVES

Students will:

- learn specific ways they can be responsible members of their school community
- practice using good manners to show respect

TEACHING TIPS

- Teaching the golden rule is a priority in a safe and caring environment. We must help kids understand that respect is a mutual character trait.
- Empathy is the ability to understand, predict, and relate to someone's feelings. Without empathy, children will have a difficult time resolving problems in peaceful ways. If we cultivate empathy while our children are young, it becomes natural for them.
- Model empathy and the golden rule as often as you can.