

Sub-Concepts Covered: Self-care, Kindness

Kindness in the Classroom lessons teach kindness skills through a step-by step framework of Inspire, Empower, Act, Reflect and Share. Each lesson starts with the 'share' step to reinforce learning from previous lessons. The 'act' piece is woven into the lessons but really takes place in the projects.

Welcome to the new school year! This is our first unit out of six that we will cover this year. The focus of this Respect unit is on students learning how to respect themselves, others, and their space. Lessons will allow students to explore self care, respectful communication, and problem solving.

Unit Objective

Students will:

- Learn how to show respect to others both in the classroom and at home.
- Demonstrate how to use respectful communication with others.
- Work respectfully during both independent and work related activities.

Student Introduction

Welcome to our new school year! We are going to take these first few weeks to explore the concept of Respect. This means we think about how our words and actions affect our friends, our families, and anyone else we meet up with in our day. It's so important to treat others with kindness and respect, even when we might not agree with what they are saying or doing. To help us learn how to do this, we are going to explore these areas:

- Respecting ourselves, others, and our space!
- Using respectful words in our conversations!
- Practicing kind ways to problem solve during difficult times!

It's time to explore Respect!

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Unit Lessons

Lesson Title	Lesson Objectives	Materials Required
Lesson 1 Choosing Respect	 Identify the three levels of respect exercised each day at school. Demonstrate concrete methods for practicing Self Respect, Respect for Others, and Respect within the School. 	 Playdough Basic Art supplies
Lesson 2 How I Care for Me	 Explain how self-care demonstrates respect for oneself. Track their personal progress related to Self Respect and self-care using a bar graph model. 	 Bar Chart (see Lesson) Markers
Lesson 3 Tower of Respect	 Develop interpersonal skills used in conflict resolution and teamwork Persevere by expending additional effort, extending timeframes, identifying alternative paths to goal achievement, and/or seeking help from others.t 	 Dry Spaghetti Large Marshmallows Marshmallow Tower Pictures Handout
Lesson 4 How Full is Your Bucket?	 Illustrate the concept of random acts of kindness through actively respecting themselves and others in the classroom. Explain what respect looks like 	 How Full is Your Bucket? by Tom Rath Basic art supplies Bucket template Water drop sheet

Unit Projects

Project Title	Project Overview	Materials Required
Project 1 Circles of Respect	The class will create a bulletin board to encourage the expression of respect on all three levels.	Bulletin Board Supplies
Project 2 Create-A-Shake!	This project is designed to help break the ice and have students show respect by creating a handshake with a partner.	No Materials Needed

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