Honesty Bookmarks

This project gives students an opportunity to offer encouragement to others and share examples of what honesty looks like through student-designed bookmarks they will put in books in the school library and/or give to building teachers and staff.

Integrity Sub-Concept(s)

Honesty, Kindness

Project Timeframe

25-30 minutes

Required Materials

- Bookmark cut out (see attached)
- ☐ Markers or other coloring media
- ☐ Ribbon or yarn if you want students to put a tassel on their bookmarks

Project Overview:

Give each student a bookmark cut-out and explain that they are going to design bookmarks about Honesty. Take some time to review honesty and different words or phrases they could use to encourage someone to choose honesty and integrity in every situation.

Each bookmark should finish the prompt, "Honesty looks like" and a colorful design or presentation. Brainstorm ideas as a group. Here are some examples:

- Honesty looks like telling the truth, even when it's hard!
- Honesty looks like admitting when you're wrong!
- Honesty looks like speaking up when your friends stay guiet.

Wrap Up:

During their next library hour, have students quietly insert their bookmark into a book. If this is not permissible with library staff, you could also take the bookmarks and tell students you will secretly distribute them into staff mailboxes; or, students can actively hand out their bookmarks to other teachers or students at random.



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