Responsibility Word Search

In this lesson, students will think of at least 10 words that represent the concept of responsibility and self-discipline. They will then create a word search out of these words and share with each other to complete. This project encourages students to “name” responsibility in new ways so they can more easily recognize what responsibility is and looks like in their everyday lives.

Kindness Concept(s)
Responsibility, Kindness

Project Timeframe
25-30 minutes

Required Materials
- Responsibility word search template (see attached)

Have students work independently or in small groups (to help idea generation) and brainstorm 10 words (long or short) that represent what responsibility and self-discipline mean. Then, either manually using the word search grid example below or using an online word search generator, like the one found at Discovery Education’s Puzzlemaker website, have students create a word find. When everyone is done, have students/groups exchange puzzles and solve them.

The attached grid can help students create a neat, clean puzzle; without a grid, it may be difficult to keep columns and rows straight. Students can also make their own grid with rulers. Number of squares will depend on the words selected for the search.

Wrap Up:

Have students/groups share some of the words they believe represent responsibility and self-discipline; discuss why those words are good representations. You can also discuss the word search experience and hang up the results if you wish.

Proposed Lesson Outcomes:

Students will:
- Identify words that represent the meaning of responsibility and self-discipline.
- Create a word search to stretch thinking and inspire creativity around the concepts of responsibility and self-discipline.

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