

Teaching Respect

K-Grade 5

- **Treat other people the way you want to be treated.**
- **Be courteous and polite.**
- **Listen to what other people have to say.**
- **Don't insult people, or make fun of them, or call them names.**
- **Don't bully or pick on others.**
- **Don't judge people before you get to know them.**

General Questions:

- Is there anything you dislike about the way people treat each other here at school? Do you know of any disrespectful behavior? Describe it. How do you feel about it?
- What do you like most about the way people treat each other here at school? Does it have anything to do with respect?
- What is a bully? Is bullying an act of disrespect? In what way? Are there bullies here at school? Can someone be a bully without meaning to be? How?
- How can treating people with respect prevent fights?
- When you are with a group of kids, what things might other kids do or say that make you feel good? What things make you feel bad?
- How does treating people with respect affect your friendships?

Student Activity:

Have the kids role play or use puppets to act out the following situation: Four good friends are planning to spend a day at an amusement park. Two of them want to invite another kid who's new in school. The other two don't want to include this person because he/she is different in some way (different race, a "dweeb," from a foreign country, etc.). After the role play have a class discussion. Then, have four others do another role play changing what it is that's different about the new kid. Repeat this process changing the difference each time.

Parent Involvement Activities:

- Talk with your child about the importance of treating other people with respect. Make sure he/she knows that it is important to you, and that it will lead to stronger friendships.
- Help your child become sensitive to his or her own behaviors or language that may be of a disrespectful nature, as he or she deals with siblings or friends
- Remember that you are a powerful role model for your child. If you treat people respectfully, that is what your child will learn from you.