

# *Ideas for Teaching Character*



## RESPECT

**To have high regard for, to hold in esteem, to treat with courtesy and consideration**

### Why Teach Respect

- Helps students develop a positive rapport with parents, teachers, and friends.
- Strengthens self-confidence by generating positive feedback.
- Helps to reduce unkind words and “put – downs”.
- Builds self-control

### Quotes:

“Respect does not come from possessing honors but deserving them.”  
Aristotle

“If you want to be respected, be the first to show it.”  
Anonymous

“The secret of education is respecting the pupil”  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Check it out!

- <http://www.dontlaugh.org/>- Order your free copy of the Don't Laugh at Me teaching series.
- <http://www.yorkville.k12.il.us/webquests/webqfrey/webqsfrey.html> - A webquest on respect designed for 1st and 2nd graders – adapt for upper grades.

How do you teach RESPECT for racial diversity?  
Check out this site for some good ideas!

[http://www.ivillage.co.uk/parenting/teens/teencon/articles/0,,186632\\_187532,00.html](http://www.ivillage.co.uk/parenting/teens/teencon/articles/0,,186632_187532,00.html)

### Lesson Ideas

- Talk about how good manners demonstrate respect.
- Discuss rules. Why do we have rules? How does obeying the rules show respect?
- Discuss how tolerance for other people shows respect.
- Using the U.S. flag, lead the class in the Pledge of Allegiance. Discuss appropriate behavior for the pledge and how to demonstrate respect for our country.