

Ideas for Teaching Character



POLITE

A polite person is one who demonstrates good manners

Why Teach Manners?

- Persons with good manners are more valuable employees than those who are impolite.
- Good phone and social skills help students feel less awkward interacting with adults who may visit or contact them.
- By learning good manners, students have a smoother transition to the world of business interactions.

Check it out!

- <http://henson.austin.apple.com/edres/ellesson/elem-goodmanners.shtml>
- http://ma.essortment.com/mannerschildren_rclt.htm
- www.amazon.com Look for book entitled "How Rude" A guide to teaching teenagers good manners.

"Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot."
Clarence Thomas

Quotes:

"A person becomes known by his manners."
Anonymous

"Clothes and manners do not make the man; but, when he is made, they greatly improve his appearance."
Henry W. Beecher

"You can get through life with bad manners, but it is easier with good manners."
Lillian Gish

Lesson ideas:

- Discuss the quote, "The heart of politeness is respect." What does this mean? What does respect have to do with being polite?
- Discuss students' behavior during plays, recitals, and assemblies. What kind of behavior is considered polite? What is impolite?
- Talk about verbal and non-verbal communication. How do we demonstrate politeness and good manners in our non-verbal actions?