

Monee Elementary Good Character Club

Activity Menu for CITIZENSHIP

Due April 13th

Grades K/1=1 activity ~ Grades 2/3=2 activities ~ Grades 4/5= 3 activities



Developing Good Citizenship:

Good citizens go beyond their own interests, demonstrate a concern for the needs of others, and recognize their obligation to make the world a better place. A good citizen is willing to get involved in an organization, community, or their country.

Responsible citizenship includes:

- Following laws and rules
- Doing your best in school
- Making responsible choices
- Caring about others
- Contributing to society
- Developing problem-solving skills
- Developing a core set of common values

Websites with ideas for youth service/ civic engagement and involvement in elections:

- www.votesmart.org
- www.kidsvotingusa.org
- www.civicyouth.org
- www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/Citizenship.html
- www.servenet.org
- www.youthactivism.org

1. CHARACTER IN ACTION: Citizenship Community Service Project

Participate in community service projects such as recycling, picking up litter, or volunteering for other worthwhile projects. Take pictures of your experience, write a paragraph about your experience, or draw a picture that shows how you volunteered and helped your community.

2. Citizenship Book Review: Go to the library and check out a book that discusses **citizenship**. Write a review about the book answering the following questions:

- What is the title/ author?
- What is the book about?
 - Kindergarten/1st Grade: Draw a picture of the book you read about showing citizenship.
 - 2nd/3rd Grade: Draw a picture of a character doing something that either WAS or WAS NOT showing citizenship.
 - 4th/5th Grade: Write 3-5 sentences explaining something that WAS or WAS NOT showing citizenship in the story. You may also draw a picture to add to your explanation.

Examples of Books about Citizenship

- Elephant on My Roof
- Jungle Bullies
- Zoolidays
- Ruby and Bubbles
- Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun
- Dog Poop Initiative
- Stone Soup

3. Historical Citizens

Choose a figure from American History. Do some research and create a picture, collage, or article that explains how he/she demonstrated good citizenship. What were his/her main contributions to society?

4. Student Inventor

Benjamin Franklin's strong sense of duty made him a model of good citizenship. For example, he founded the first public library and helped organize volunteer firefighter clubs and a public hospital in his hometown of Philadelphia. Many of Franklin's scientific inventions came out of his ability to see a need or problem and then come up with a solution. Become an inventor. Identify a problem or need in your community, home, or school and invent a solution. Display the problem and your solution on a poster.

5. Qualities of a Good Citizen

Brainstorm the qualities a good citizen. Use magazines and newspapers to create a collage of words and images that represent the idea of "good citizenship." Make sure your collage explains how good citizens are important to the community and the country.

6. Picture This

Many times, a community living section in the newspaper will highlight people that have made a difference in your town. Find an article that describes someone who showed "citizenship" and write at least 3 sentences that explains the article. Also, what would you say to that person if you met him or her?

7. Cyber Citizenship and Safety: Do some research online about Cyber Citizenship. Based on your research, create a poster to teach others about cyber citizenship and safety!

The Six Pillars of CharacterSM

