CHARACTER ED - LESSON OUTLINE

Thank you for volunteering to teach PSE's monthly character traits!

We appreciate your commitment to support our character education initiative at PSE. By working together, we can build strong character in our children that will last a lifetime.

Each month, we highlight a specific trait elected by the PSE Character Board.

You will be responsible for teaching a monthly 30 to 45 minute lesson which will be held in the Learning Lab (AKA the Media Center/Library).

The teacher does not conduct the lessons with you but Mrs. Goodrich will be there to help if needed.

Prior to the lesson day:

1. The Google Slide Presentation and activity or worksheet is posted online on our PSE Character Education Webpage. http://providencespringpta.weebly.com/character-ed.html

2. The lessons will be held during specials time which is different for each class. Please email your teacher to let him/her know that you will be teaching the lesson that month and confirm the correct date and time. It would also help to remind the teacher what character trait the lesson will be covering that month so he/she can continue to discuss it in the classroom after the lesson is over.

3. For Kinder through 2nd grade, please pick out a book from the character education library shelves.

In the Learning Lab:

The in-classroom lessons consist of 3 parts.

1. Google Slides Presentation & Group Discussion

    - Introduce yourself to the class
    - Introduce this month's character trait and see if the students have an idea what it means.
    - Start going through the slide presentation. Each click of the mouse should move you through the presentation – either bringing up new text/images or moving you to the next page.
    - The slide presentation is a basis for your discussion. Your goal is to try and keep the presentation interesting, engaging and dynamic. The text on the slides should be part of a discussion with the class – not just read out loud page after page.
        - If the younger grades start to get fidgety, you can stop the lesson at any point and switch to the book. After the book you can return to the slides or move on to the activity.

2. Book (For Kinder through 2nd grade)

    - Read the book to the class and briefly have a dialogue about the book.

3. Activity

    - Try to save time at the end of the presentation for the activity. If you run out of time, please pass the activity on to the teacher to do with the class on another date.

If at the end of your time with the students they have a good understanding of the character trait, then your lesson was a success!! That is your only goal.

Sometimes a passionate discussion with the class will be prompted by the slides. Don't worry if this happens and you don't have time to finish the slides. The discussion may end up being the best thing to help them understand the character trait!

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:

- People have different religious and political beliefs and as volunteers in the classroom, we need to be sensitive to this. Please focus on teaching the trait of the month without incorporating any religious or political references into your lesson plans or activities.

- Please respect PSE's "no sibling" policy. Do not bring siblings into the classroom to observe.

- If you have your own video or book that you'd like to bring to share with the class, please approve it through Karen or Julia first.

    - Videos will need to be approved through the school or they might be blocked by the CMS Firewall.
    - Books need to be checked to make sure they aren't being used for an upcoming class seminar.

After the lesson is completed, **please email the parents** a short summary of what you did and how they can further explore that character trait at home.

If for some reason you are unable to teach a lesson, please contact one of us ASAP so we can find a replacement volunteer.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions, concerns or need any assistance to you throughout the year. Thank you!! ☺️

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