Lesson Overview and Areas of Focus

Unit 1: Social Skills Development



4.1 Goal Boosters and Goal Busters:Setting Reachable Goals

Students learn how to set and reach personal goals. Students also learn to identify resources that can help them reach a personal goal.

- Long and Short Term Goals
- Steps to Name a Reachable Goal
- Name a Personal Goal
- Identify Resources to Help Reach a Goal

4.2 Major Intersection:

Making Responsible Decisions

Students learn to plan their actions, evaluate their choices, and problem solve using the steps for responsible decision making. Students also determine when decisions should be made or alone or with the help of a responsible adult.

- Decision Making Model
- Understanding Consequences
- When to Ask for Adult Assistance in Making a Decision

4.3 I See Me:

Identifying and Managing Emotions

Students learn to recognize and manage their emotions using healthy strategies and analyze how emotions affect decision making and the value of talking about feelings with parents and other trusted adults. Students also learn to discern the emotions of others and demonstrate care and respect.

- Identify Various Emotions
- Physical Signals of Emotions
- Feelings and Behavior
- Healthy ways to Manage Emotions

4.4 More Than Words:

Effective Communication

Students learn and apply effective communication skills to handle conflict peacefully, share feelings and ideas with others, and enhance cooperation in order to maintain positive relationships.

- Elements of Communication
- Non-Verbal Communication
- Role of Speaker and Listener
- Effective Speaking Skills
- Active Listening Skills

4.5 Community Garden:

Bonding and Relationships

Students compare healthy and unhealthy friendship qualities and learn the benefits of bonding with pro-social others. Students also apply effective communication skills to support and encourage others.

- Healthy Friendship Qualities
- Benefits of Prosocial Behavior
- Apply Effective Communication to Support Others

Unit 2: Skills Application

4.6 The Respect Effect:

Respect for Self and Others

Students learn how confidence and self-respect positively affect their attitudes, behaviors, and relationships. Students demonstrate respectfully listening and responding to different points of view.

- Cooperation
- Listening
- Positive Self Talk
- Self-Respect

4.7 Work it Out:

Conflict Resolution

Students explore the effectiveness of cooperation and the ineffectiveness of competition in resolving a conflict. Students discuss the possible consequences of an unresolved conflict, and demonstrate problem solving skills and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution.

- Conflict Defined
- Emotions Related to Conflict
- Healthy Approaches to Conflict
- Conflict Resolution Strategies

4.8 Cool Down & Turn it Around:

Anger Management

Students differentiate healthy and unhealthy ways to manage anger and identify actions that escalate and de-escalate conflicts.

Students learn the impact of unresolved conflicts on relationships and demonstrate healthy ways to de-escalate a conflict.

- Physical Indicators of Anger
- Healthy Anger Management Strategies
- De-escalation Strategies

4.9 Building an Inclusive

Identifying and Managing Bullying Situations

Community:

Students learn that bullying is different from an everyday conflict and practice recognizing types of bullying behaviors. Students demonstrate effective response strategies and practice assertive communication skills.

- Bully Event Management
- Identify Bullying Behavior
- Bullying vs. Conflict
- Benefits of Reporting

4.10 Positively Influential:

Being a Positive Role Model

Students identify how healthy choices can impact lifelong wellness. Students recall and apply social emotional skills. Students identify the qualities of a positive role model and recognize how student role models can positively impact school climate.

- How to be a Positive Influence
- Qualities of a Positive Role
 Model
- Role of Personal Responsibility in the Outcomes of Decisions