Lesson Overview and Areas of Focus

Unit 1: Social Skill Development



K.1 Dreaming Big:

Setting Reachable Goals

Students name a variety of new things they can learn to do and also name the adults in their lives and peers who can help them reach their goals.

- Identify one's abilities
- Identify new things to learn to do
- Identify how to ask for help in reaching a goal

K.2 I Know What to Do:

Making Responsible Decisions

Students learn the Stop and Think steps in the decision making process. Students also practice the skill of anticipating the consequences of their choices.

- Recall the Stop and Think steps of decision making
- Demonstrate anticipating consequences
- Understanding Personal Responsibility

K.3 Mad Sad Glad:

Identifying and Managing Emotions

Students learn to name a variety of emotions and the physical signals associated with specific emotions. Students also learn healthy ways to express their feelings.

- Naming Feelings
- Identify ways people show their feelings
- Expressing feelings verbally and non-verbally

K.4 Listen Up!:

Effective Communication

Students learn and demonstrate active listening skills to show caring and respect. Students also practice asking questions without interrupting.

- Demonstrate using eyes, ears, and body to listen
- Asking Questions without Interrupting
- Identifying the body language of an active listener

K.5 My Buddy and Me:

Bonding and Relationships

Students learn healthy friendship qualities and the benefits of bonding with pro-social others. Students also demonstrate assertive communication using I-messages.

- Healthy Friendship Qualities
- Demonstrate assertive communication with I-messages

Unit 2: SEL Skills Application

K.6 Peaceable Me:

Respect for Self and Others

Students learn how respect affects their personal wellbeing and that of others. Students also learn how people are alike and different and how to demonstrate respect for individual differences.

- Discuss how using good manners shows respect
- Demonstrate being respectful in a variety of situations
- Discuss how people are alike and how they differ

K.7 Cool, Calm, and Collected:

Anger Management and Mindfulness

Students differentiate positive and negative reactions to disappointment. Students also learn to use healthy strategies to respond to, manage, and overcome disappointment.

- Describe the physical sensations of anger
- Differentiate angry feelings and aggressive actions
- Demonstrate ways to manage angry feelings

K.8 What to Do?:

Problem Solving

Students learn that conflict is a normal and natural part of being human. Students also learn to differentiate peaceable and non-peaceable social behaviors associated with resolving or escalating conflict.

- Identify a problem
- Recognize multiple solutions to a problem
- Identify a variety of solutions to solve a problem

K.9 One for You:

Sharing

Students learn to practice sharing as a peaceable way to play and interact with others. Students learn how to resolve conflicts by sharing.

- Comprehend what it means to share
- Discuss sharing as a peaceful way to resolve conflicts
- Demonstrate sharing in a variety of situations

K.10 Whose Turn?:

Taking Turns

Students learn to identify the benefits of taking turns to promote peaceable play. Students practice taking turns to resolve conflict.

- Discuss taking turns as a method to resolve conflict peacefully
- Identify fair ways to determine who goes first
- Demonstrate taking turns in a variety of situations

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