

Dinner Dilemmas

To create family discussions that promotes Character Education in Pinellas County.

December Kindness Being nice and considerate toward others.	Week 1 Situation: A new student from a foreign country has difficulty speaking and understanding English. Sue notices the girl sits by herself at lunch. Dilemma: On one hand Sue knows a kind person would sit with the new student. On the other hand Sue wants to sit with her friends. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?	Week 2 Situation: Sam is given a partner that is a slow runner for Field Day. Even though Sam is the fastest runner at his school his team did not win the race. Some classmates tease Sam because his team lost. Dilemma: On one hand Sam could blame his teammate for the loss. On the other hand Sam could be kind and praise his teammate for trying his best. Discussion: What should Sam say and do?
	Week 3 Situation: A substitute teacher can not find the spelling book for the spelling test. She is looking all over the room for the book. Dilemma: On one hand Sue knows it would be kind to help the substitute find the book. On the other hand Sue knows it would be easier to just sit and talk with her friends. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?	Week 4 Situation: Sam mother's sends him to the grocery store. She told him to hurry. While in the checkout line Sam notices the man behind him had only one item—ice cream. Dilemma: On one hand Sam knows his mother told him to hurry. On the other hand it would be kind of Sam to allow the man to go ahead of him. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

Dinner Dilemmas are designed to be sent home once a month with the students. Schools that send home a weekly newsletter could print one dilemma each week in its publication. During the week families are asked to discuss the dilemma. It is hoped that families will talk about the dilemma and decide how the character quality of the month relates to the situation presented. It is further hoped that families will discuss the dilemma of the week and decide how the character quality of the month applies to each family member.