



Commitment to Character

PCS
September 2019

**Responsibility: Doing your best
and taking ownership for your words and actions.**

Character Day: September 27-28

Sample Age 7 and Under 40 Minute Event:

15 mins: Watch an episode of ClassDojo's [Growth Mindset](#) or [Empathy](#) film series and do an exercise
20 mins: coloring session using [Lucky Kat World coloring book](#)
5 mins: wrap up!

Sample 40 Minute Event for 8 and Up:

5 mins: Introduce Character Day
10 mins: Watch [The Science of Character](#) film (or [30,000 Days](#), [The Adaptable Mind](#), or [The Making of a Mensch](#))
20 mins: Use the Periodic Table of Character Strengths and questions from the discussion kits (appropriate age range)
5 Mins: Wrap Up

<https://www.letitripple.org/character-day/suggested-events-for-educators/>

Three Words A Day

- Sept. 1 Decide to learn.
- Sept. 2 Respect your teachers.
- Sept. 3 You look great.
- Sept. 4 Kindness always returns.
- Sept. 5 Improve your mind.
- Sept. 6 Neatness is nice.
- Sept. 7 Always try again.
- Sept. 8 Can't won't do.
- Sept. 9 Value your friends.
- Sept. 10 Education is success.
- Sept. 11 Try new things.
- Sept. 12 Forgive yourself often.
- Sept. 13 Other people care.
- Sept. 14 Daydreaming is fun.
- Sept. 15 Someone needs you.
- Sept. 16 Doodle a little.
- Sept. 17 Believe in people.
- Sept. 18 Life has troubles.
- Sept. 19 Just lighten up.
- Sept. 20 Attitude determines happiness.
- Sept. 21 Imagination goes anywhere.
- Sept. 22 Cheating isn't right.
- Sept. 23 Accept someone different.
- Sept. 24 Listeners are friends.
- Sept. 25 What interests you?
- Sept. 26 Include new kids.
- Sept. 27 Share you talents.
- Sept. 28 Always be sincere.
- Sept. 29 Everyone is special.
- Sept. 30 Try harder today.

Website of the Month:

Scholastic for Teachers

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plans/teaching-content/teacher-made-activities-teaching-responsibility/>

Video of the Month:

"Kid President's Pep Talk to Teachers and Students"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwlhUcSGqgs&list=PL-YQ4FIYdOLixhM69ibBK6G-NLfpNkohL>

Pinwheels for Peace September 21, 2019

Lessons:

http://www.pinwheelsforpeace.com/pinwheelsforpeace/pinwheel_lesson_plan.pdf



For your
Calendar

Sept. 2
Labor
Day

Sept. 27-28
Character Day

Sept. 15
Hispanic Heritage Awareness
Begins

Sept. 17
Constitution
Day

Sept. 21
Peace Day

Cyberbullying
Awareness Month

Dinner Dilemmas

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

Dinner Dilemmas are designed to go 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.

Week 1

Situation: Sam received an expensive video game for his birthday and could not wait to show it to his friends. One of his friends wanted to borrow it.

Dilemma: On one hand it's good to share. On the other hand it is Sam's responsibility to take care of his possessions.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

Week 2

Situation: Sue heard her friends spreading an untrue rumor about another girl in her class.

Dilemma: On one hand, it is responsible to inform someone when others are saying untrue or hurtful things. On the other hand, a responsible person does not spread rumors, and should tell people who do that it is wrong.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

Week 3

Situation: Sue is on a team that is doing a research project on water conservation. Sue feels she is doing most of the work.

Dilemma: On one hand, Sue has the responsibility to make sure her team makes a good grade. On the other hand, it is not Sue's responsibility to do all the work.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

Week 4

Situation: Sam saw his sibling taking money out of his mother's purse.

Dilemma: On one hand Sam has the responsibility not to get his sibling in trouble by telling. On the other hand Sam has the responsibility to tell his mother.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

"Being responsible puts you in charge of your life."

Are You a Responsible Person?
(Take this True or False self-evaluation and decide for yourself.)

I do what needs to be done.

- ✓ I am reliable and dependable.
- ✓ I am accountable for my actions; I don't make excuses or blame others.
- ✓ I fulfill my moral obligations.
- ✓ I use good judgment and think through the consequences of my actions.
- ✓ I exercise self-control.

I think I am/am not a responsible person because:

<https://www.goodcharacter.com>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Quotes: Starting the week of September 2

Week 1 – "Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him, and to let him know that you trust him."

~Booker T. Washington

Week 2 – "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today."
Benjamin Franklin

Week 3–"We create our character by the daily decisions we make." Austin Bror

Week 4– "Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else." Les Brown, American clarinetist & a leader of popular "big band"

LITERATURE IDEAS about Responsibility

- Abolafia, Yossi.. Harry in Trouble.
- Dahlstedt. The Terrible Wave
- Gardiner, John. Stone Fox
- Hoban, Lillian. Awful Thursday
- Brown, Marc.Arthur's Pet Business
- Day, A. Frank and Ernest.
- Green, Norma. The Hole in the Dike
- Wells, Rosemary. Fritz and the Mess Fairy