



Character Education

September: Citizenship

Welcome back, teachers! As we start a new year, we want to give each child a clean slate. Every child deserves a chance to prove they are the very best.

This month we are learning about the theme: citizenship. In the classroom students will be working on different activities that encourage social emotional learning. Here are a few other ideas of what you can do in your classroom.

- ◆ Teach students about the rules in the classroom. Discuss why the rules are important.
- ◆ Cause/Effect. Give students an example of what could happen if they didn't follow the rules, or have them show the effect of a good citizen obeying the rules.
- ◆ Use the preamble and have students come together to make a class constitution. These can be posted outside of your classroom.



Write about a time when you saw someone do a good deed.

Ms. McCabe

School Counselor

September 2019

Reminders:

- ☺ Don't forget to turn in your nomination for the student that best displays citizenship in your classroom.
- ☺ Those students will be honored during our Medal of Honor presentation on September 27th.



Citizens of Sam Houston Elementary

Writing Prompts:

What is the most important class rule and explain why.

If you could change a rule, which rule would you choose. Explain your answer.

I cannot do all the good that the world needs, but the world needs all the good that I can do.
- Jana Stanfield

Videos:

Short video about being a good citizen.

<https://youtu.be/3bwfo9aD5A8>

Books You'll Love

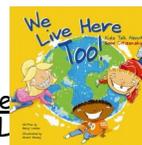
What If Everybody Did That?
By Ellen Javernick



We the Kids
David Catrow



We Live Here Too!
Nancy L. By



This is the School House Rock Preamble song.

<https://youtu.be/yHp7sMqPLOg>



What is My Role?

P A R E N T S



Welcome back!

Good citizens not only take care of themselves, but they also take care of the people and communities around them. Even though our children are only in elementary school, this is the best time to create a foundation that children will build upon to become productive citizens in society. You may ask yourself as a parent, how do I help them become a productive citizen?

You are the most important adult in your child's life. Sometimes you may not realize it, but your child is watching and listening to everything you do and say. If you want your child to be a good citizen, you must show him/her what that means.

1. **Be a great role model**- encourage children to do things for others even when they will not receive a reward.
2. **Volunteer**- Pick up trash in a local park, donate old clothes to Good Will, help out at school events, etc.
3. **Be positive**
4. **Use kind words**
5. **Show the**

importance of being honest.

These are just a few things you can do at home to help your child understand the importance of being a good citizen.

Important Dates:

- **September 5- Grandparents Day**
- **September 13- Volunteer Orientation**
- **September 19- Fathers Take Your Kids to School Day**
- **September 19- Open House**
- **September 27- Medal of Honor**



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"How to Raise a Good Citizen"