

Teacher's Guide

Molly the Great's Messy Bed

Introduction

This teacher's guide helps teach young children about the importance of being responsible. This series focuses on character education and uses contextual situations to help children understand why healthy habits and good citizenship are important.

National Standards

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Classroom Activities

Activities for teaching the five curriculum areas: Reading/Language Arts; Math, Science; Social Studies; and the Arts, can be found in this teacher's guide. Beginning readers will practice reading with sight words and simple sentences as they learn about the importance of being responsible.

Guided Reading Level: F

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Character Education with Super Ben and Molly the Great
Teacher's Guide
for

Molly the Great's Messy Bed

Young children are learning healthy habits for good citizenship and are beginning to look outward to the world beyond their family and school to understand how things work. Using bright engaging color illustrations, this book centers around the theme of responsibility. The situation presented in this book can lead to discussions about the importance of being responsible.

Here are some basic topics that you can discuss with your students within the realm of character education.

Super Skills

Honesty

Honesty is being truthful, even when the consequences of doing so may not be pleasant. Many times people are not honest to avoid being in an uncomfortable situation or to avoid negative consequences of previous actions. Discuss with your students the importance of being honest with concrete, specific examples to reinforce this positive trait.

Responsibility

Responsibility is taking the steps that are necessary for successful completion of a task or the function of a group task. Many times children are given responsibilities at home such as cleaning their rooms, or caring for a pet. In the classroom, students can be given responsibilities to help with the function of the whole classroom.

Timeliness

Timeliness is the habit of being on time. It shows that you are responsible and care about others. Timeliness is important at home and at school. In the classroom, teachers can draw attention to the value of being on time by keeping a posted schedule and giving students warnings regarding scheduled changes. (e.g., "You have five minutes until we need to stop for lunch.")

Respect, Sharing, and Caring for Others

Respect is showing that you think someone or something is important. In the classroom, teachers have rules so that students show respect for classmates, teachers, and others who may be visiting. It is often appropriate to involve students in the rule-making process so that they have ownership in the classroom and a better understanding of how they can be respectful and caring toward others.

Cleanliness

Cleanliness is important for maintaining a healthy environment. Many illnesses can be prevented by frequently washing hands and wiping off surfaces that are commonly touched by others. In the classroom, teachers can encourage cleanliness by encouraging students to wash their hands, especially after using the restroom or before eating. Students should also be encouraged to cough / sneeze into their elbows or shoulders rather than their hands.

Activities The Five Curriculum Activities

SAFETY WARNING:

Before any activity, make sure your students do not have any allergies to items that you might use. Never use anything that is sharp or may cut a student. Do not use anything too hot or cold that might injure any student. Always have an adult supervise all activities to ensure the safety of your students.

Reading/Language Arts activity:

Ask students to write a list of at least five things they are responsible for at home or at school.

Math activity:

Some students may receive an allowance for completing certain responsibilities at home. Create a chore list with a monetary value for each job (e.g., making bed = 50 cents), and ask students to calculate how much allowance could be earned by completing all or some of the jobs on the chore list. Ask them to tell what chores could be completed to earn a minimum amount of money.

Science activity:

Molly lives in a house, but animals in the wild live in different habitats. Discuss the concept of habitats with your students and ask them to draw the habitat of their favorite animal.

Social Studies activity

Discuss with your students the idea of responsibilities in a society. Explain to them that the jobs people do make it possible for everyone to have access to goods and services. Emphasize that every job is important. With your class, brainstorm a list of jobs and ask students what they think they might be interested in doing when they are adults.

Arts activity:

Draw (or photograph) students' desks or storage areas before and after cleaning them. Have students glue or draw these pictures onto the handout and write a list of things they need to do to have a clean area.

Before	After
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Steps for cleaning and organizing:

