Help guide your students to become model citizens in the classroom with The Character Tree.

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Character development is best learned at home. However, the busyness of home often requires reinforcement of character education in the classroom where children interact with their peers. The Character Tree teaches positive character behavior through engaging discussion, examples, role modeling and hands-on material.

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**Learning Objective:** Students will be able to define the character trait of kindness, give an example and write about it.

**Common Core Standards:**
- SL.1.2 Discuss key details in a video
- RI.1.2 Identify the main topic
- RI.1.3 Describe the connection between a person and concept
- RI.1.4 Determine the meaning of vocabulary

We’ve included the following suggested weekly lesson sequence for your convenience.

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<td>Monday</td>
<td>Start your week by watching <a href="#">The Character Tree video</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>Before watching:</strong> If you have time for a quick discussion, you could ask your students what they think they already know about the character trait of kindness and have them share with a partner or call on a couple students to share with the whole class.</td>
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<td><strong>After watching:</strong> If you have time after the video, have students share examples of kindness from the video. To extend their concept of kindness you could ask them to think of a specific way that they could show this trait in the coming day or week.</td>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Follow up the video with the <a href="#">foldable book</a>. Read as a whole class, or have students read independently. These books would make a nice home-school connection, or add them to student's book boxes or bags and keep them at school. Depending on how much time you have, the <a href="#">cut and paste comprehension</a> page would be a good fit as a subsequent activity.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Use our template to create a <a href="#">class book</a> that showcases ways each child has seen and experienced kindness in their own life. After each student has completed their page, assemble the book and read it to the class. Adding the completed book to your classroom library, or other shared space in your classroom, would be a great way to encourage your students to revisit and read the book on their own.</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>After spending time learning and talking about kindness and Mr. Rogers during the first half of the week, today would be a good day for checking student understanding with our <a href="#">comprehension questions</a>.</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
<td>If there is anything that you didn't get to earlier in the week, finish that up today. Otherwise, today would be a good day for the <a href="#">making words</a> activity and the <a href="#">word search</a>.</td>
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**Picture Book Recommendations:** These picture books would be great to read to your class during this week, as well as throughout the year! Use them to open up further discussions with your class about this week's character trait.

- [A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: The Poetry of Mr. Rogers](#)
- [Be Kind](#) by Pat Zietlow Miller

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Mr. Rogers wanted everyone to know that each person is special and loved. He wanted people to be proud of themselves and happy with who they are. Throughout his whole life, Mr. Rogers treated everyone with kindness. With his television show he was able to teach people all around the world about the importance of kindness.

Name: ____________________
When Fred Rogers was a little boy he was sick a lot. He had to spend a lot of time by himself, playing with his toys and puppets. Sometimes he felt lonely being by himself instead of with other children. Even as a child he had a lot of empathy for other people, especially children. This is probably because he knew what it was like to go through difficult times as a child.

When he was five years old he learned how to play the piano. Music became very important to Fred for the rest of his life. He wrote many of his own songs and sang them on his television show, Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood. His songs teach about kindness towards others and ourselves too. His songs also teach about feelings, having hope, and how special each of us is.
Fred Rogers was sick a lot as a child. So, he would spend time playing by himself with his puppets.

When he was five years old, Fred Rogers learned how to play the piano.

As an adult, Mr. Rogers wrote his own songs. Many of them were about kindness.

In his television show, Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood, he taught all about the importance of kindness.
Our Class Book of: KINDNESS

A collection of stories and examples of kindness.

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Draw a picture and write some words about a time when you showed kindness.
Comprehension Questions

Use what you learned from the video about Mr. Rogers and the trait of kindness to help you answer the questions below.

1. What is Mr. Rogers first name?
   a. Daniel  
   b. Fred  
   c. Jose

2. What musical instrument did Mr. Rogers learn to play when he was just five years old?
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

3. What was the television show called that Mr. Rogers created?
   a. Mr. Rogers’ Town
   b. A Beautiful Day
   c. Mr. Rogers’ Neighborhood

4. True or False, Mr. Rogers used puppets in his television show.
   True  
   False
Cut out the letters at the bottom of the page. Use the letters to make as many words as you can. Write the words that you make on the lines below.
KINDNESS
Word Search
Search for the words from the word list. Then, circle each word in the puzzle once you find it.

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CARDIGAN
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[Kindness-related images and illustrations]
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