

KINDNESS IS RESPONSIBILITY



FILLING OUR **CLASSROOM** WITH **RESPONSIBILITY**

According to the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, **RESPONSIBILITY** means being reliable to do the things that are expected or required of you. At school, your student/s are going to talk about what responsibility means and how they can show more responsibility. There are many things preschoolers are responsible for, even at such a young age. We will talk about the different things that we are responsible for at school, at home, and in our communities. The goal is to help students remember what it means to be responsible and to give them a chance to practice being responsible.

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Showing Responsibility

This month we are talking about **responsibility** and what that means for us at school, at home, and in our communities.

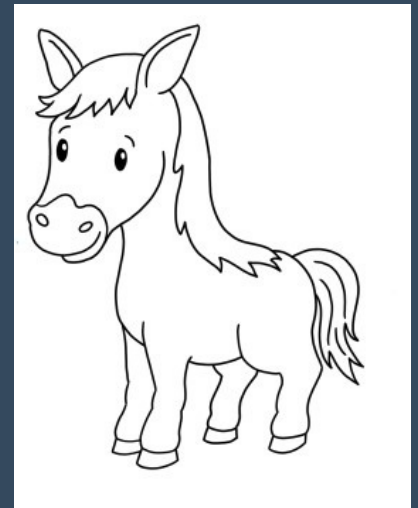
To start, ask your students if they know the definition of **responsibility**. What does responsibility mean to you in your preschool classroom? This can be a big concept for young kids, so you help kids connect the classroom jobs you likely have for them with being responsible. What is a weather watcher responsible for? What is a line leader responsible for? What other responsibilities or jobs do students have at school? (Examples: picking up after playtime, lining up quietly, or hanging up coats after recess.) Having responsibilities is like having a job or tasks to complete. The stories in this unit will help kids recognize that in order for things to work well - at home, at school, and in our community - we must be responsible and do what is asked or expected of us. Have students think about all the ways they show responsibility at preschool.

Curriculum Quick Guide

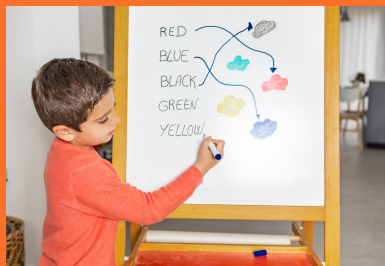
Cycle 1: Ages 3-4; Cycle 2: Ages 4-5; Cycle 3: Ages 5-6

Each week there is a story centered on the kindness concept and corresponding activities that span the curriculum: math & science, citizenship & social studies, music & movement. Each week you can choose whichever activities you feel your class would enjoy the most. There is also an optional project at the end of each week. Each concept has 4 weeks worth of stories and activities to enjoy. Additionally, each week you will meet one of our RAK animals who will help guide you through the materials through fictional stories (as part of our citizenship element). For *Responsibility*, you will meet

Reya the Responsible Horse.



How can preschoolers show responsibility?



"Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility."

~G.M. Trevelyan

Responsibility

Here are some things you can do this month to practice responsibility.
What else can you and your student(s) do?

What Random Acts of **Responsibility** will you do today?

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	List out what you are responsible for and when you will take care of those things so you don't forget.			Offer to help someone else fulfill their responsibilities.		
As a family, talk about the qualities of a responsible person. Who in your family has these qualities?		Tell someone who shows great responsibility how much you appreciate them.			If you forgot to do something this week that you were responsible for, apologize and take care of it right away!	
	What is a new responsibility you could take on this week to help out at home?		Celebrate yourself after completing something you're responsible for!			Teach someone in your home a new skill so they can be prepared for future responsibilities.
		Talk about the responsibilities you have outside your home. Why do you have those responsibilities?		Go around the table and say one act of responsibility you saw that day.		
Talk about ways you can show others that you are reliable.						

