

Better Together

HELLO, FAMILY!

Over the next three weeks, children will learn why it is important to do their best and get along with others.

We will read books about people and characters who practice hard and learn to play fair, because we are better together when we are kind to one another. Children will also write a procedural text about how to make a new friend.

BRING IT HOME! Learning fun for the whole family!

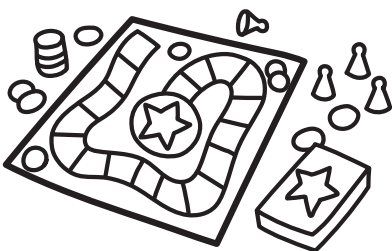
Big Idea Words

Reinforce these important topic words when you read or talk with your child:

honest
sport
courtesy

Try to incorporate questions like these into everyday conversations:

- Are you being honest when you tell the truth?
- How can you be a good sport when you play a game?
- How do you show courtesy when you are waiting in line at school?



Let's Read Together

Make a special time and place to read with your child every day.

During this module about being a good citizen, try these activities during your reading time together:

- Take turns picking out a book and talking about courteous behaviors such as being quiet and not interrupting.
- Make a heart shape with your two hands when you read about a character who is trying hard to get along with others.
- Salute good citizens and heroes that you read about in books and magazines.

Word Play

Play with words to help develop skills that are important for reading.

• Week 1: Search for *ch*

As you read, search for words with *ch*. Discuss how the *ch* sound can be at the beginning of a word, such as *chin*, or at the end, such as *much*.

• Week 2: Think About This!

Work together to make a list of words that begin with *th*, such as *think*, *thin*, and *thank*. Then stand in front of a mirror and take turns saying the words.

• Week 3: Stomp the Spot

Draw a spot on paper, and put it on the floor. Take turns stomping the spot each time you say a word that begins with the *st* or *sp* sounds, such as *step*, *stink*, *study*, or *spill*, *spin*, *space*.