

Responsibili-tree

There are many ways to use responsibility when taking care of our community and school. This project will focus on recycling as a way to choose responsible actions with waste in the school.

Integrity Sub-Concept(s)

Responsibility, Kindness

Project Timeframe

25-30 minutes

Required Materials

- ❑ Construction paper for making the tree - brown for the trunk and green for the leaves
- ❑ Other Bulletin Board Supplies - tape, etc.

The goal of this project is to give the class and the school an opportunity to show responsibility by taking a leaf from the tree and completing the kind, responsible action written on it. When all the leaves have been taken, you can refill the tree with more leaves!

Instructions:

1. Design a tree themed bulletin board *outside* of your classroom in the hallway where others can see it. It can be a simple design - just a trunk and branches will do.
2. Have each student create at least one leaf (could be more, depending on how full you want your tree to be).
3. On each leaf, help students write out one responsible action - "Hold a door open for someone" or "Wait patiently" or "Thank the lunch staff" or "Raise your hand".
4. When everyone has at least one leaf finished, let students tape their leaves up on the tree. The finished product should look like a leafy tree, full of responsible actions people can take!
5. When the tree is done, you can add the following poem and instructions:

The Responsibili-tree

Leaves grow brightly on this tree,
Holding kindness and responsibility.
Each bright leaf holds thoughtful deeds,
Helping others, meeting needs.

A friendly smile, following a rule,
Let's spread kindness throughout our school.
These leaves are here to guide our way,
To be responsible everyday.

When you see a kind and responsible action that you want to complete today, take that leaf and do what it says! Let's see how fast we can empty our tree and fill our school with kindness and responsibility!



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