

CITIZENSHIP

Parent Resource

What is citizenship?

Citizenship means making good choices that help my community and nation.

As your child gets older, he or she will have opportunities to make choices that impact the school, community and nation.

In kindergarten through second grade, children begin:

- ✓ Understanding the importance of working together.
- ✓ Paying more attention to friendships and teamwork.
- ✓ Recognizing characteristics of a good leader.

Below are ways you can help your child learn, practice and demonstrate citizenship:

DESCRIBE A TIME



Ask your child to describe a time when he or she helped others or did something to benefit the school or community. Some examples include being friendly to a new student, offering to help prepare dinner or donating books and toys.

IDENTIFY WAYS TO DEMONSTRATE GOOD CITIZENSHIP



Encourage your child to identify ways you can demonstrate good citizenship together. Some examples include following laws and rules, volunteering in the community and respecting others.

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF CITIZENSHIP WILL PREPARE HIM OR HER TO CONTRIBUTE TO AND TAKE PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND NATION.

SKILLS TO CONSIDER PRACTICING WITH YOUR CHILD:



Identifying characteristics of a good citizen in school and the community.



Modeling ways to benefit the school and the community.



DINNER TABLE CONVERSATION STARTER

Talk with your child about a book you read or a movie you watched together recently. Was there a character in the book or movie that showed characteristics of being a good citizen? What actions did the character take? How did he or she help others in the book or movie?

