

GOOD JUDGMENT – FOURTH GRADE

Book and Lesson will be together in the media center. Materials are in the cabinet immediately to your left when you enter the media center.

Materials:

Book- *The Recess Queen* by Alexis O’Neil and Laura Huliska-Beith

Activity:

Lead discussion with students: What does good judgment mean?

-making good choices

-thinking before you act

Examples- coming to school, taking care of our bodies, listening to the teacher, following directions

Display definition and read aloud

Introduce book, *The Recess Queen* by Alexis O’Neil and Laura Huliska-Beith

Show the cover of the book. Ask students to make a prediction. What will this book be about?

Read *The Recess Queen*, stopping periodically to discuss.

After reading the story, ask the class:

What was different when Katie Sue came to the school? (she did what she wanted, she didn’t know about Mean Jean the Recess Queen, and when she did-she stood up to her)

What changed the way Mean Jean acted in the end? (Katie Sue invited her to play jump rope)

Questions:

What would you do if you had someone at recess acting like a Recess Queen?

Students can share times they showed good judgment and were able to think before they acted, or had to make a difficult decision. (Playing to friends, coming to school, using good problem solving skills, when they are angry or have strong feelings)