

RESPECT – KINDERGARTEN

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 Mixed-up Chameleon*, by Eric Carle

Respect poster

Activity:

Introduce yourself to the class and explain that you are the Gallant Gator Reader for RESPECT.

Ask: What is respect? Children brainstorm definitions. Share the poster and discuss.

1. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
2. Think about other people's feelings.
3. Treat people, property, school and yourself with kindness.

Emphasize importance of respecting people, property, school and self. Encourage students to share a few examples:

- playing fair
- listening
- asking before borrowing something
- using kind words like "please" and "thank you"
- using a borrowed item carefully and returning it to its owner
- respecting differences between self and others.
- respecting self by eating healthy, brushing teeth, exercising, reading, doing homework
- respecting school by throwing trash in containers and not on the floor, no ripping posters or writing on desks, etc...

Introduce the book: *The Mixed-up Chameleon*, by Eric Carle

Ask children what they think this book will be about. Ask them to look at the cover.

Read book aloud.

- After reading the book, ask the class how the chameleon felt at the beginning of the book. Ask the class why he wanted to change? (sad, mad – he didn't like that he changes color to match his surroundings).
- Ask the class how the chameleon felt at the end of the book? (happy to be himself again)

Discuss with the class how everyone is unique and special and how it is important to respect each other's differences and treat people the way you want to be treated. Just like the mixed up chameleon found out, being yourself is always best!

Questions

- Ask children for ideas about how they can show respect in the classroom:
 - asking before borrowing something
 - using kind words like "please" and "thank you"
 - using a borrowed item carefully and returning it to its owner

