

RESPONSIBILITY - FIFTH 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 Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest* by Lynne Cherry
Responsibility Poster

Activity:

Lead discussion with students: What is responsibility? What do adults mean when they say you should be responsible?

- Showing that you're dependable
- making appropriate choices about simple things like what to wear or bigger things like how to treat people
- pulling your own weight

Responsibility means...

1. Being dependable and accountable for your words and actions.
2. Doing your best and never blaming others for your mistakes.
3. Being responsible for a job means that you are the one who makes sure it is done correctly and on time.

Introduce book entitled *The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest*.

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

-After reading book, ask the students which characters showed responsibility? How do you know? Why is it important to be responsible?

Questions:

We all have responsibilities. Looking at some of the careers at school (principal, teachers, custodian, etc...), what are their responsibilities? What would happen if they did not do their job?

Explain to the students that they have a job with responsibilities too! - To be a student!

-Ask students to identify some of their responsibilities as students:

Examples are:

- cleaning up when we're through with books, art supplies, etc...
- returning books to the library in the same condition as when we borrowed them
- helping friends
- using kind words and actions
- getting a good night's sleep and waking up rested and ready to learn
- completing assigned work

