

A Character Trait a Month

Select appropriate traits from the following character traits:

Cooperation | Respect | Honesty | Responsibility | Persistence |
Courage | Caring | Citizenship | Gratitude | Integrity |
Kindness | Trustworthy | Optimism | Fairness | Empathy/Compassion

- 1 Decide on which trait to address each month.
- 2 Brainstorm the meaning of the trait with the students. Settle on the best definition.
- 3 Have students write down examples of showing this character trait each morning for bell work.
- 4 Have a character trait 'sticky board' or box where students can write down and submit each time a peer demonstrated the character trait. Review these with the class weekly or at the end of the month.
- 5 When reading to the class or when the students are doing their own reading, watch for examples of characters displaying the monthly character trait.
- 6 Have students write about why this character trait is important and what would happen if nobody demonstrated this character trait.
- 7 For art, make posters showing how to demonstrate the trait or make a comic strip of characters demonstrating the trait.
- 8 Nominate two or three children to receive the character trait award for the month. *(By the end of the year, each child should be recognized for a character award.)*
- 9 In movies or stories, discuss which characters demonstrate the character trait and provide the evidence.
- 10 Have students write a goal and action plan on how they could personally improve showing the character trait.