

April - Respect

The Isabella County CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition wants you to know that April is the month that we celebrate having RESPECT. Please add one of the statements below to your daily PA announcements. They may be used in any order. Below is suggested language for incorporating the statement, but please feel free to introduce and expand on the statement in a way that has meaning for you and your students. They also make excellent additions to newsletters, flyers, and other printed materials that go to students, parents, or up for public display.

Example: "Always be respectful. Show good manners and tell your friends to show good manners too. April is a month that we work on being even more respectful."

1. Be considerate of others.
2. Always show good manners.
3. Remember the Golden Rule – treat others the way you want them to treat you.
4. When we are considerate, we let people know that they are important because we consider how they might feel before we do things.
5. Getting in the habit of being considerate makes it easier to do the right thing in any situation.
6. When we practice consideration, others start to practice it too.
7. Consideration begins by noticing how our actions are affecting other people.
8. When you wait to ask a question if someone is busy, you are being considerate.
9. When you meet someone who doesn't think like you or look like you, remember that this person still deserves respect.
10. When someone borrows things without asking, they are being rude and sometimes others might think the person is stealing. So always ask first.
11. Always say "please" and "thank you." What an easy way to show respect!
12. Respecting others should be something we practice daily with our friends and family – even with people we don't know.
13. "Trust men and they will be true to you. Treat them greatly, and they will show themselves great." Ralph Waldo Emerson
14. We all know that it is important to show respect from adults, but it is also important to respect our friends. This means treating them as we would like to be treated and being polite to them.
15. Respect comes from how we feel, but how we act is what is important.
16. "Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up." Jesse Jackson
17. When we are in public with people we don't know, we have to make an extra effort to show respect.
18. Deal with anger, insults, and disagreements peacefully.
19. When we show respect for other people's ideas and remember that we don't have to make everyone else think like us, working things out is a lot easier.
20. Always show courtesy and consideration to everyone.
21. Try to resolve conflicts without violence.
22. Always show tolerance and be accepting of differences.