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DEFINING AND RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF FAIRNESS FOR ASKEW STUDENTS

Fairness for Students Defined

Fairness for students is characterized by the practice of treating one another with kindness and respect, ensuring inclusivity and equal opportunities for all. This entails actions such as **taking turns, sharing toys, and adhering to established rules to foster an environment where all individuals can engage, feel included, and have a positive experience.** Moreover, fairness extends to being a supportive companion and advocating for justice in situations of inequality.

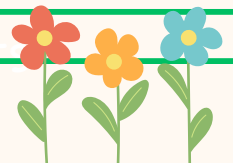
The Significance of Teaching Fairness

Introducing the concept of fairness in the classroom not only benefits teachers but also cultivates a sense of **security and trust among students.** Moreover, grasping the idea of fairness nurtures empathy - a crucial social skill that encourages children to be mindful of others' needs.

Understanding fairness equips our Askew scholars with the tools to **navigate social interactions, resolve conflicts, and establish meaningful connections.** It sets the stage for a fairer and more just society as they mature, instilling values that champion equality and respect for others. Embracing fairness guides children to become responsible and thoughtful individuals who can make positive contributions to their communities.



UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF FAIRNESS CONCEPTS IN THE CLASSROOM



Educators play a crucial role in helping children grasp the concept of fairness, which involves considering others' perspectives. Below are some ways to assist Askew students in understanding and addressing unfairness:

- Listen for unfair comments, behaviors, or actions and address them honestly, directly, and promptly. For instance, explain to a student that telling someone they cannot play can make them feel sad. Encourage sharing among all peers.
- Help students learn appropriate responses when they witness unfair treatment. Encourage them to express their feelings when they experience or observe unfairness.
- Equip students with the vocabulary to discuss unfairness. Encourage them to share their thoughts on fairness and sharing, express their feelings when treated unfairly, and suggest ways to address unfair behaviors.
- Establish fairness as a fundamental classroom rule to create a safe environment for children.

MONTHLY CHARACTER TRAIT: FAIRNESS



INCORPORATING FAIRNESS INTO HOUSEHOLD DYNAMICS



In a household setting, these principles apply to relationships between siblings and parents and children as well. A child who grasps the concept of fairness is likely to show more empathy towards parents who are doing their best.

- **Encourage Turn-taking:** This is a good initial step, especially for young children. By engaging in activities like peek-a-boo and block-building (taking turns placing blocks), parents can introduce the idea of sharing, a key aspect of fairness. For older kids, use games to demonstrate and explain the importance of following rules, taking turns, and supporting each other, even when the outcome is not as desired.
- **Recognize Fair and Unfair Actions:** Point out examples of fair and unfair behavior in books, movies, and real life. Ask your child questions like “How could he have acted differently to be fair?” or “In what way did she show fairness to the other person?”
- **Acknowledge Fairness:** Acknowledge and praise your child when they exhibit fairness. By highlighting fairness in their own actions, you can help them further understand the concept.

MARCH COUNSELING SERVICES

GUIDANCE LESSON THEME:
FAIRNESS

SMALL GROUP COUNSELING:
2ND GRADE GIRLS SOCIAL
SKILLS GROUP

MINUTE MEETINGS: BRIEF 1-2
MIN. MEETINGS WITH
STUDENTS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 6TH

Jimmie Ward's Nutritional ABC's for
Active Kids-Fox 26 Interview

MARCH 11TH-14TH

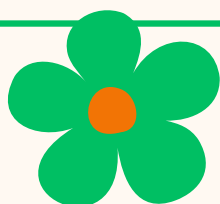
Spring Break- NO SCHOOL

MARCH 25TH

Chavez Huerta Day- NO SCHOOL

MARCH 29TH

Good Friday- NO SCHOOL



Spring



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TEXANS' JIMMIE WARD VISIT TO ASKEW ELEMENTARY W/ FOX 26

