Character Counts! ®- Responsibility ---Leader’s Guide

**Introduction:**

Responsibility requires a person to recognize that one’s actions or decisions (or lack of) matters; they are morally accountable for the consequences; a person is to do the right thing even when no one is looking or even when no credit or praise is forthcoming; and actions done will not harm others.

**Educational Goals:** Participates will learn:

* That there are four parts of responsibility: duty, accountability, perseverance and self-control. P
* That changing to a positive attitude can impact how one deals with life.
* That the community’s adults serve as role models and teachers for children to acquire lifetime responsibility skills.

**Community Awareness Activities**:

The lesson will be presented and fourth graders will be encouraged to participate in the NAFCE Essay and Art Contest.

Make printed bookmarks with a quote by Helen Keller: “I am responsible for doing the work I need to do today even though it may be hard.”

Donate to libraries books suggested for responsibility:

Kindergarten: Berenstain Bears Trouble at School byJan Berenstain; Five Little Monkeys with Nothing to Do by Eileen Christelow; The Ant and the Grasshopper by Amy Lowry Poole

First Grade: Annie Shows Off by Shelagh Canning; Clean Your Room, Harvey Moon! By Pat Cummings; Pigsty by Mark Teague

Second Grade: Arthur’s Pet Business by Marc Brown; Mrs. Katz and Tush by Patricia Polacco; Tops and Bottoms, by Janet Stevens

Third Grade: A Day’s Work by Eve Bunting; Betsy Who Cried Wolf by Gail Carson; Crow Boy by Taro Tashima

Fourth Grade: Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss; The Paper Boy by Dav Pilkey; Your Job is Easy by Carl Sommer

Fifth Grade: Kate Shelley: Bound For a Legend by Robert D. San Souci; The Boy of the Three Year Nap by Dianne Snyder; Why do Mosquitos Buzz in People’s Ears? By Verna Aardema

Encourage other organizations to take an active role in supporting character-building activities.

As an individual, consciously incorporate the teachings and modeling of the Six Pillars of Character into everything you do, in all of the various roles of your life.