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MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK 1

GOAL: HELP OTHERS FEEL WELCOME

MONDAY:

Hey kids! For those of you who are new to our school, WELCOME! For those of you who are returning to our school, WELCOME BACK! If you are a returning student, please look around today and be sure you notice any students who are new to our school! Show your great character today by introducing yourself and offering to be their helper. Your bright smile will help new students feel welcome! Have a great first day back!

TUESDAY:

Hey kids! Do you know that smiling at someone is a simple thing to do that lets others know that you are friendly? When you look around today, make sure that you smile at everyone you see. When others see your smile, they will probably smile back – and might even want to be your friend! Smiling is a great way to show your good character and help others feel welcome at the same time!

WEDNESDAY:

Hey kids! Have you noticed that no one in our school is exactly like you? We are all different, and that's one of the things that makes our school so special. Show your good character today by respecting the differences of others!

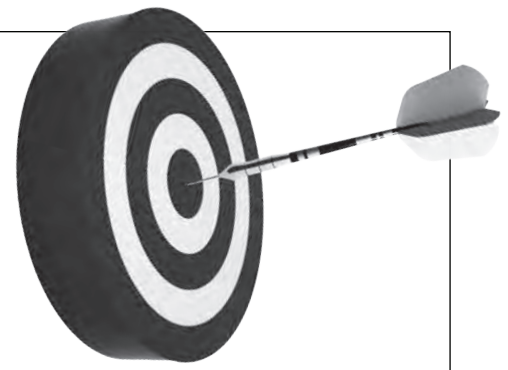
THURSDAY:

Hey kids! Make new friends and help others feel welcome by inviting someone new to join you at lunch or recess! Remember that if someone asks YOU if they can sit near you or join you at recess, the answer is always yes! Inviting and allowing others to join you shows your great character and helps others feel welcome!

FRIDAY:

Hey kids! Thanks for a great first week of school! Please remember to continue to help others feel welcome at our school. It shows your great character and helps others feel happy to be here with us!

GOAL-OF-THE-WEEK DAILY MINI-LESSONS



WEEK 1

TOPIC: WELCOME (BACK) TO SCHOOL!

GOAL: HELP OTHERS FEEL WELCOME

MONDAY:



Welcome (back) to school!! Discuss how to introduce yourself to someone new. Remind them to smile. “Hi! My name is _____. What’s your name?” (Brainstorm some ideas of what to say next.) “Nice to meet you, _____.” (Repeating the person’s name will help you remember it.) Learning someone’s name is a great first step to making a friend. Talk about what it’s like to be new to a school and what each of us can do to help others feel welcome in our school.

TUESDAY:

Start each day with a smile! When someone sees you smile, they will think that you are nice and may want to be your friend. When someone smiles at you, be sure you smile back.

Greeting someone is a wonderful way to help others feel welcome. Practice what that sounds like to greet someone in the morning, Good morning (say the person’s name if you know it.) Demonstrate the difference between an indifferent greeting, and an enthusiastic greeting.

Good eye contact completes the package. A smile and warm greeting coupled with good eye contact are great ways to start each day! Tell your students that your heart smiles when you are greeted warmly. Take the time to greet each student daily, and notice how they do the same.

WEDNESDAY:

Discuss differences. Glasses, braces, how we walk, talk, look – our names. We are ALL different! At our school, we think being different is GREAT! It would be boring if we all were exactly alike. It’s not okay to poke fun at or laugh about the ways that we are different. (After all, YOU are different too!) Remind students that teasing is not allowed at our school. Your teacher and the adults at school are here to make sure each and every student feels safe and happy at school. Let them know the procedure for getting adult help when needed.

THURSDAY:

Suggest that each student invite someone new to join him or her (at recess, lunch, etc.). It is also appropriate for someone to ask, “May I sit here?” or “May I play with you?” Discuss appropriate responses to those questions... “Sure!” “Yes!” “Certainly!” Make sure that the children know that it would be unkind to refuse.

FRIDAY:

Review this week’s goal together. Give students an opportunity to share how it went and what worked/didn’t work. Allow them to help problem solve together. Remind them that they will need to keep these things in mind any time a new student joins the class.