

# BUILD CHARACTER BUILD SUCCESS

Respect Responsibility Empathy

Kindness & Caring Teamwork Fairness

Honesty Co-operation Integrity Perseverance

## Attribute: Co-operation

Dictionary Definitions	
Merriam-Webster Children's Dictionary	co-op·er·a·tion \kō-,ä-pə-'rā-shən\ <i>n</i> the act or process of working together to get something done
Collins Gage Canadian School (Junior) Dictionary Grades 4 to 6	co-op·er·ate (kō op'ə rāt') <i>v</i> work together: <i>The children co-operated in keeping the playroom neat.</i> co-op·er·at·ed, co-op·er·at·ing. -co-op'er·a'tion, <i>n.</i>
Collins Gage Canadian Intermediate Dictionary Grades 6 to 9	co-op·er·ate (kō op'ə rāt') <i>v</i> co-op·er·at·ed, co-op·er·at·ing 1 work together: <i>If we co-operate, we can get the yard cleaned up quickly.</i> 2 comply with an order or request: <i>I asked him to leave, but he won't co-operate.</i> Also, co-operate. <Latin <i>co-</i> together + <i>operari</i> to work> co-op' er·a' tion <i>n.</i>
Nelson Canadian Dictionary of the English Language	co-op·er·a·tion (kō-öp'ə-rā'shən) <i>n.</i> 1. The act or practice of co-operating. 2. The association of persons or businesses for common, usu. economic benefit. -co-op'er·a'tion·ist <i>n.</i>

### What is co-operation?

- Working together for a common purpose
- Working together to reach a common goal

### Quotations

“We may have all come on different ships, but we’re in the same boat now.”  
(Martin Luther King Jr.)

“The only thing that will redeem mankind is co-operation.” (Bertrand Russell)

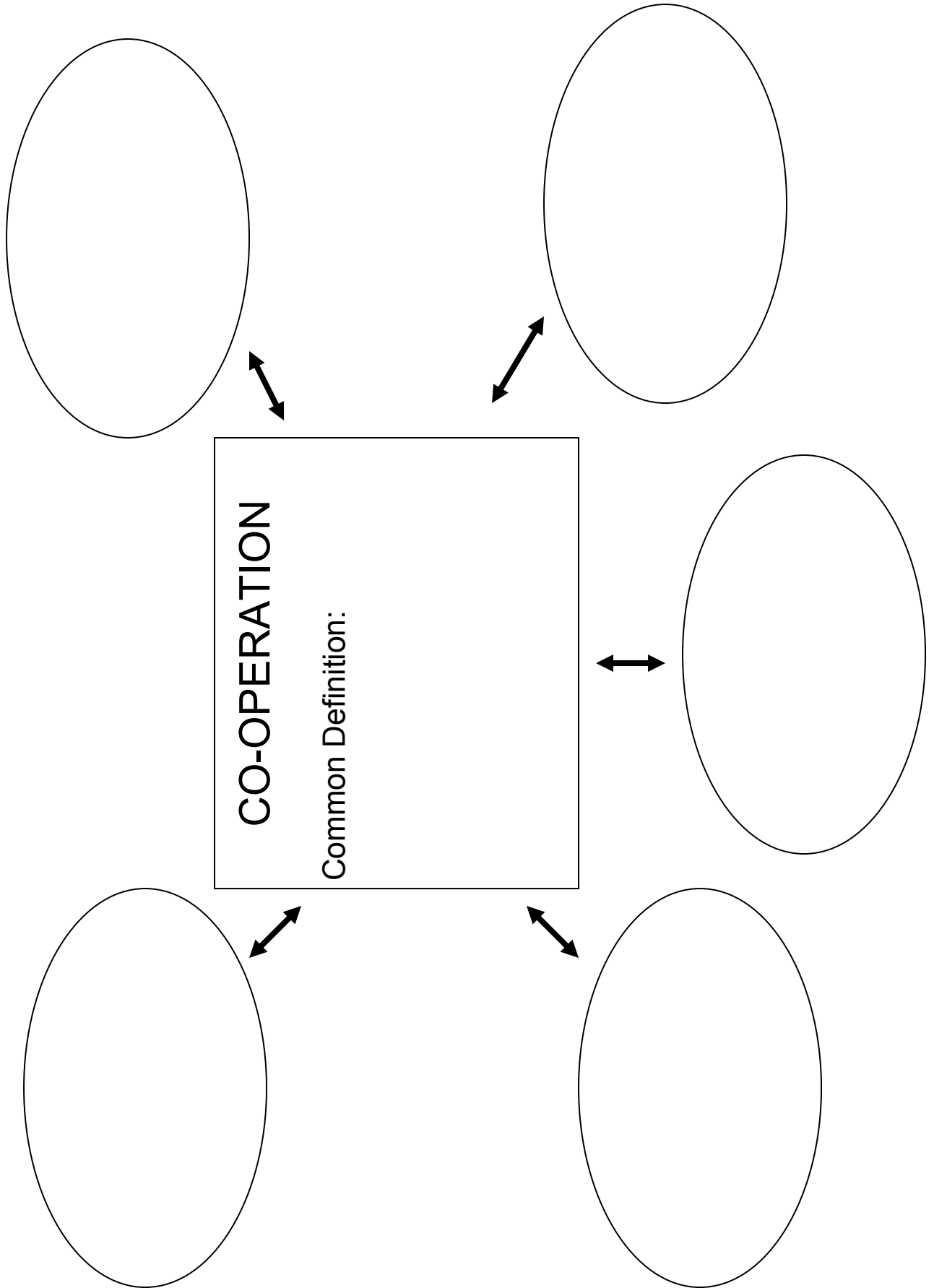
“He that does good to another does good also to himself.” (Lucius Annaeus Seneca, 4 BC–65 AD)

“We are all dependent on one another, every soul of us on earth.” (George Bernard Shaw)

### **What does co-operation look like/sound like?**

- Happily doing something that will help others
- Agreeing to play a game others want to play if it means the group will benefit
- Helping someone in need by opening a door or helping to carry something
- Helping to find a compromise when a group is in disagreement
- Playing fair when participating in sports or games, and being a “good loser” and a “good winner”
- Inviting someone who is alone or “left out” to join the group
- Encouraging others to recognize the importance of co-operation by demonstrating the spirit of co-operation in your daily activities
- Volunteering time or resources to a community project
- Listening to the ideas of group members and finding ways for each person to feel valued and important
- Offering to do a job that nobody else in the group wants to do
- Asking the group members for their ideas and opinions

What Does “Co-operation” Mean to You?



## Monthly Newsletter for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

### CO-OPERATION

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Caregiver:

Your child is involved in learning activities designed to develop good character and help children make good choices. Our focus this month has been on **CO-OPERATION**.

What does co-operation mean to you?

#### **Your child can show co-operation by:**

- playing and working peacefully with others in the family
- listening to adults and being respectful of their requests
- working with others to complete a task and/or achieve a goal
- helping to find a compromise when there are family disagreements

#### **Questions to discuss with your child:**

- What is co-operation, and what does it mean to be co-operative in a family?
- What are some things you do at home or at school that require co-operation?

#### **Projects to do together:**

- Make a list of things that your family does that require co-operation.
- Watch for situations on television that demonstrate co-operative behaviour, and talk about the various ways in which the characters acted co-operatively with each other.
- Work together on chores at a time when all members of the family can work together to finish them.
- Complete a fun project that involves all family members (e.g., putting together a jigsaw puzzle, making a homemade pizza).

#### **Encouraging co-operation in your child:**

- Praise your child when he or she is co-operative.
- Help your child become aware of his or her own co-operative or unco-operative behaviour.
- Share your own experiences of co-operative/unco-operative behaviour and how it affected a goal.

**Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.**

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## Involving Parents/Guardians/Caregivers in Character Development

### Co-operation

