

BUILD CHARACTER BUILD SUCCESS

Respect Responsibility Empathy

Kindness & Caring Teamwork Fairness

Honesty Co-operation Integrity Perseverance

Attribute: Fairness

Dictionary Definitions	
Merriam-Webster Children's Dictionary	Fair \ˈfer\ <i>adj</i> fair·er; fair·est 1 not favoring one over another <Everyone received fair treatment.> 2 observing the rules <fair play> 3 neither good nor bad <He's only a fair singer.> 4 not stormy or cloudy <fair weather> 5 not dark <fair hair> 6 attractive in appearance : BEAUTIFUL <our fair city> 7 being within the foul lines <a fair ball> fair·ness <i>n</i>
Collins Gage Canadian School (Junior) Dictionary Grades 4 to 6	Fair (fer) 1 <i>adj</i> treating everyone with the same rules: <i>A judge must be fair.</i> 2 <i>adj</i> not very good but not bad: <i>There is a fair crop of wheat this year.</i> 3 <i>adj</i> light-coloured: <i>She had fair hair and skin.</i> 4 <i>adj</i> clear and sunny: <i>The weather in Edmundston will be fair today.</i> 5 <i>n</i> show of things for sale. Often there are rides, games, food, and entertainment: <i>Mr. Gibson's bull won first prize at the Brantford fair. We tried out some new games at the computer fair.</i> The outdoor space where a fair is held is a fairground. Many Canadian communities have a fall fair every September. -fair'ness, <i>n</i> .
Collins Gage Canadian Intermediate Dictionary Grades 6 to 9	fair (fer) <i>adj</i> 1 just and impartial: <i>a fair judge, a fair mark.</i> 2 according to the rules: <i>fair play.</i> 3 average: <i>She has a fair understanding of the subject.</i> 4 blond. 5 clear and sunny: <i>The weather will be fair today.</i> 6 <i>Poetic</i> beautiful: <i>a fair lady.</i> 7 of considerable size or amount: <i>They own a fair piece of property.</i> 8 helpful, especially to a ship's course: <i>We had fair winds all the way.</i> <i>adj</i> 1 honestly and according to the rules: <i>Play fair.</i> 2 directly: <i>The stone hit her fair on the head.</i> <Old English faeger> fair'ness <i>n</i> .
Nelson Canadian Dictionary of the English Language	Fair (fâr) <i>adj.</i> fair·er, fair·est. 1. Of pleasing appearance, esp. because of a pure or fresh quality; comely. 2.a. Light in colour, esp. blond: <i>fair hair.</i> b. Of light complexion: <i>fair skin.</i> 3. Free of clouds or storms; clear and sunny. 4. Free of blemishes or stains; clean and pure. 5. Promising; likely. 6.a. Having or exhibiting a disposition that is free of favouritism or bias; impartial. b. Just to all parties; equitable: <i>a fair deal.</i> 7. Being in accordance with relative merit or significance: <i>her fair share.</i> 8. Consistent with rules, logic, or ethics. 9. Moderately good; mildly satisfying. 10. Superficially true or appealing; specious. 11. Lawful to hunt or attack: <i>fair game.</i> 12. <i>Archaic.</i> Free of all obstacles. - <i>adv.</i> 1. In a proper or legal manner: <i>playing fair.</i> 2. Directly; straight. - <i>tr.v.</i> faired, fair·ing, fairs. To join (pieces) so as to smooth, even, or regular. - <i>n.</i> 1. <i>Archaic.</i> A beautiful or beloved woman. 2. <i>Obselete.</i> Loveliness; beauty. - <i>idioms.</i> fair and square. Just and honest. no fair. Something contrary to the rules. [ME <OE faeger, lovely, pleasant.] -fair'ness <i>n</i> .

What is Fairness?

- Equal treatment of the behaviour and viewpoints of others
- Practising justice, equity, and equality
- Recognizing the uniqueness and value of each individual within our diverse society
- Playing by the rules
- Taking turns
- Treating people without favouritism
- Being open-minded
- Listening to others

Quotations

“The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.” (Abraham Lincoln)

“Reconciliation should be accompanied by justice, otherwise it will not last. While we all hope for peace, it shouldn’t be peace at any cost, but peace based on principle, on justice.”
(Corazon Aquino)

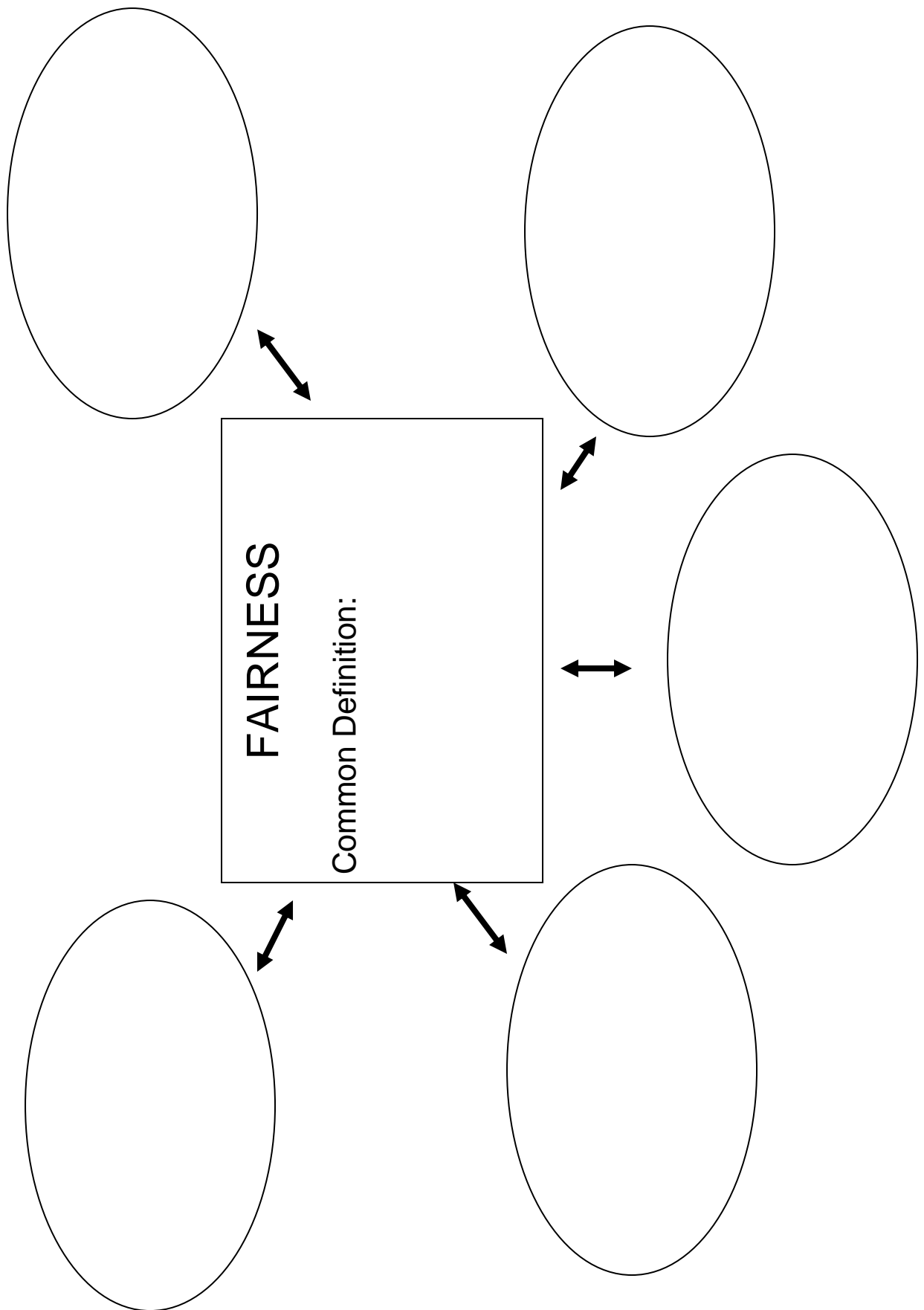
“Justice is a temporary thing that must at last come to an end; but the conscience is eternal and will never die.” (Martin Luther King)

“Justice is the ligament which holds civilized beings and civilized nations together.”
(Daniel Webster)

What does fairness look like/sound like?

- Recognizing the uniqueness and value of each person within our diverse society
- Playing by the rules and not changing the rules to benefit ourselves
- Taking turns when playing a game or a sport and giving each person a chance to play
- Sharing our resources so that everyone has access to them
- Treating each person with respect and dignity
- Recognizing our personal biases and prejudices and not letting them influence how we treat other people
- Considering all points of view before making a decision
- Listening to others without judgment
- Making efforts to compromise when there is a disagreement
- Giving someone a second chance when he or she makes a mistake and that person learn from his or her mistakes

What Does “Fairness” Mean to You?



Monthly Newsletter for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

Fairness

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 **FAIRNESS**.

What does fairness mean to you?

Your child can show fairness by:

- playing and working fairly with others in the family
- treating family members with respect and without prejudice
- treating others in the family in the way that they would like to be treated

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What is fairness, and what does it mean to be fair?
- Do you treat others the way you would like to be treated?
- When someone is unfair, how does that make you feel?
- Does equality mean that everyone gets the same, or that everyone gets what they need?

Projects to do together:

- Watch a television program together. Talk about the various ways in which certain characters acted unfairly toward each other. Discuss how the situation could have been avoided.
- Think about something unfair that is happening at home, at school, or in the community. What might be done about it? What would your role be?

Encouraging fairness in your child:

- Listen to your child if he or she has a concern or request. Engage in fair discussion to resolve the issue.
- Show that fairness is important, and that it is crucial to treat others with respect and without judgment.
- Share a situation in which you felt you were treated fairly or unfairly, and describe how that impacted your day.

Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.

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