

BUILD CHARACTER BUILD SUCCESS

Respect Responsibility Empathy

Kindness & Caring Teamwork Fairness

Honesty Co-operation Integrity Perseverance

Attribute: **Honesty**

Dictionary Definitions	
Merriam-Webster Children's Dictionary	hon·es·ty \ˈä-nə-stē \ <i>n</i> the quality or state of being truthful and fair
Collins Gage Canadian School (Junior) Dictionary Grades 4 to 6	hon·est (on'ist) <i>adj</i> truthful; not lying or stealing: <i>He was an honest man.</i> -hon'est-ly, <i>adv</i> , -hon'es·ty, <i>n</i> .
Collins Gage Canadian Intermediate Dictionary Grades 6 to 9	hon·est (on'ist) <i>adj</i> 1 morally correct and truthful: <i>an honest person.</i> 2 obtained without lying, cheating, or stealing: <i>honest profits.</i> 3 expressed frankly or sincerely, without hiding anything: <i>honest criticism. I would like your honest opinion.</i> 4 genuine: <i>an honest mistake.</i> <Latin <i>honus</i> honour> hon' es·ty <i>n</i> .
Nelson Canadian Dictionary of the English Language	hon·es·ty (öñ'ī-stē) <i>n., pl. -ties.</i> 1. The quality or condition of being honest; integrity. 2. Truthfulness; sincerity. 3. <i>Archaic.</i> Chastity. 4. <i>Bot.</i> A European plant (<i>Lunaria annua</i>) having round, flat, papery silver-white seedpods. <i>Syns: honesty, honour, integrity, probity, rectitude.</i> These nouns denote the quality of being upright in principle and action. <i>Honesty</i> implies truthfulness, fairness, and refusal to engage in fraud, deceit, or dissembling: <i>Honesty is the best policy.</i> <i>Honour</i> implies a worthy adherence to a strict moral or ethical code: " <i>Never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense</i> " (Winston S. Churchill).

What is Honesty?

- Being truthful in word and action
- Showing trustworthiness
- Being reliable in carrying out commitments, obligations, and duties
- Telling the truth
- Admitting wrongdoing

Quotations

"Speak only the truth. Act with only the best intentions. Once you get into the habit, you can live by this code." (Unknown)

"There are times that when truth and kindness conflict, one ought to choose kindness, especially when a little honesty is better than a lot." (Leroy Jack Syrop)

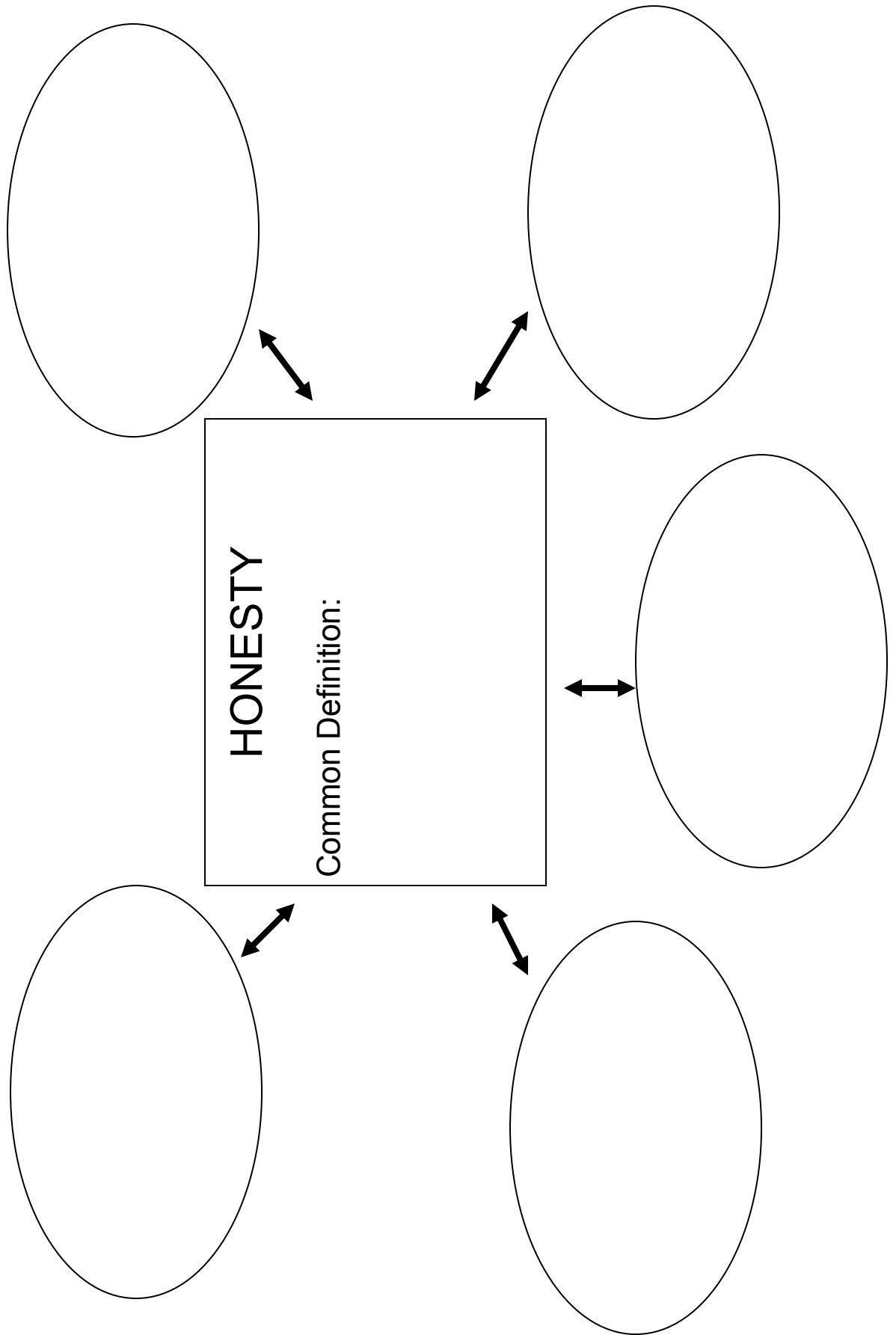
"A lie has speed, but truth has endurance." (Edgar J. Mohn)

"Truth is like the sun. You can shut it out for a time, but it ain't goin' away." (Elvis Presley)

What does honesty look like/sound like?

- Telling parents/guardians/caregivers or a teacher about a mistake and facing the consequences of the action
- Telling on someone if it will make the situation better, but not telling on them just to get them into trouble
- Expressing real feelings without anger, without blaming others, without exaggerating, and without hurting the feelings of someone else
- Turning in something that is lost (e.g., money or a personal belonging) and encouraging others to do the same
- When someone wants to copy an assignment, explaining politely that it would be dishonest and that it's best to do one's own work
- Doing schoolwork honestly and not cheating during a test
- Being truthful with friends and thanking them for being truthful with you
- Not getting angry at someone when they are honest with you in a respectful manner
- Refraining from gossiping, spreading rumours, or talking behind someone's back
- Standing up for your beliefs, even if others might not agree

What Does "Honesty" Mean to You?



Monthly Newsletter for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

HONESTY

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 **HONESTY**.

What does honesty mean to you?

Your child can show honesty by:

- sharing his or her feelings and being truthful
- telling the truth, even though he or she may know that there will be consequences
- being reliable and responsible in completing a job

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What does it mean to be honest? Discuss different ways to be honest with yourself, with your peers, and with others.
- What should you do if you need to tell the truth, but you know there will be consequences?
- How do you feel when someone else has been dishonest with you? What would you do?
- Once trust has been broken, what can you do to get it back? Have you ever lost someone's trust? Has someone lost your trust?
- What's the difference between being honest with your own family and being honest with someone you've just met?

Projects to do together:

- Watch TV shows or movies. Talk about the ways in which the characters were honest or dishonest with each other.
- Read the story entitled *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*, and discuss the importance of being honest.

Encouraging honesty in your child:

- Give your child opportunities to tell the truth.
- Make sure that you explain to your child that you always want the truth, even though he or she may be afraid that you might be angry.
- Encourage and praise your child when he or she is honest.
- Model honesty by returning lost items.

Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.

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Involving Parents/Guardians/Caregivers in Character Development

Honesty

TYPE 1: PARENTING
Survey parents/guardians/caregivers regarding future plans for School Council activities.

TYPE 6: COLLABORATING WITH THE COMMUNITY
Fundraise donations from the community for a lending library.

TYPE 2: COMMUNICATING
Report results of the survey to all families.



TYPE 5: DECISION MAKING
Develop a School Council action plan based on the survey of parents/guardians/caregivers.

TYPE 3: VOLUNTEERING
Set up a lending library of books, magazines, videos, etc., that are of interest to parents/guardians/caregivers.

TYPE 4: LEARNING AT HOME
Prepare a reading list of materials for families, and include relevant questions for discussion.