

# BUILD CHARACTER BUILD SUCCESS

Respect Responsibility Empathy

Kindness & Caring Teamwork Fairness

Honesty Co-operation Integrity Perseverance

## Attribute: **Respect**

<b>Dictionary Definitions</b>	
Merriam-Webster Children's Dictionary	<p>re:spect \ri-'spekt\ <i>n</i></p> <p>1 high or special regard: ESTEEM</p> <p>2 thoughtfulness or consideration (You must show <i>respect</i> for the privacy of others.)</p> <p>3 respects <i>p</i>/an expression of regard or courtesy (pay my respects)</p> <p>4 DETAIL (Our trip was perfect in all respects.)</p> <p>5 in relation to or concern with something specified (I'm writing with respect to your ad.)</p>
Collins Gage Canadian School (Junior) Dictionary (Grades 4 to 6)	<p>re:spect (ri spekt') 1 <i>n</i> honour: <i>We should show respect to older people.</i></p> <p>2 <i>v</i> feel or show honour for: <i>We must respect the customs of different cultures.</i></p>
Collins Gage Canadian Intermediate Dictionary (Grades 6 to 9)	<p>re:spect (ri spekt') <i>n</i> 1 a feeling of honour or admiration because of the abilities, qualities, or achievements of someone or something: <i>Children should show respect to those who are older and wiser.</i></p> <p>2 consideration or regard for the feelings, wishes, rights, traditions, or belongings of others: <i>Show respect for other people's property.</i></p> <p>3 a particular point, aspect, or detail: <i>The plan is unwise in many respects.</i></p> <p>4 respects <i>p</i>/public greetings: <i>We must pay our respects to the mayor.</i></p> <p>1 <i>v</i> feel or show honour or admiration: <i>We respected him for his honesty.</i></p> <p>2 show consideration or regard for. &lt;Latin <i>re-</i> back + <i>specere</i> look at, i.e. to consider&gt;</p>
Nelson Canadian Dictionary of the English Language	<p>re:spect (rĭ-spĕkt') <i>tr.v.</i> -spect-ed, -spect-ing, -spect-s. 1. To feel or show deferential regard for; esteem.</p> <p>2. To avoid violation of or interference with: <i>respect the law.</i> 3. To relate or refer to; concern. <i>-n.</i> 1. A feeling of appreciative, often deferential regard; esteem. 2. The state of being regarded with honour or esteem.</p> <p>3. Willingness to show consideration or appreciation. 4. respects. Polite expressions of consideration or deference. 5. A particular aspect, feature, or detail. 6. <i>Usage Problem.</i> Relation; reference.</p>

# What Is Respect?

- Treating others the way you would like to be treated
- Having concern—and the motivation to act—for the welfare of others
- Being inclusive of differences
- Using good manners and appropriate language
- Being considerate of the feelings of others
- Dealing peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements
- Honouring others with courtesy and consideration
- Showing consideration for your own belongings and those of others
- Showing consideration for the freedom, privacy, and dignity of others
- Having pride and belief in yourself
- Taking care of and valuing yourself, others, and the environment

## Quotations

“We are not put on this earth to see through one another, but to see one another through.”  
(Unknown Source)

“True respect cannot be demanded; it is earned.” (Unknown)

“Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you, not because they are kind, but because you are.” (Unknown)

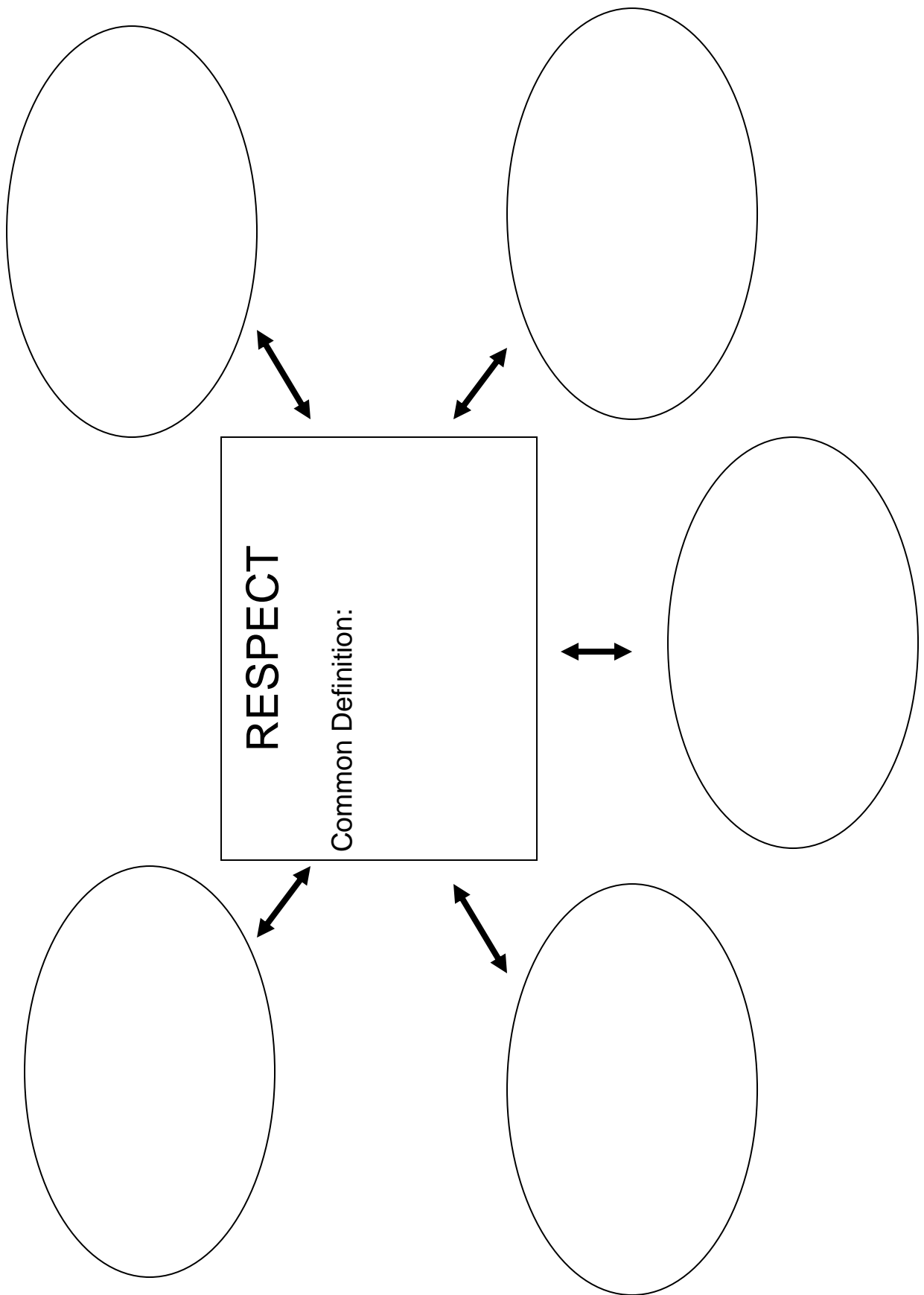
“If someone were to pay you ten cents for every kind word you ever spoke and collect five cents for every unkind word, would you be rich or poor?” (Nonpareil)

## What might respect look like and/or sound like?

- Respecting yourself: Accept and honour your own skills and challenges, emotions, body, beliefs, and abilities.
- Being fair: Listen to all sides of the story before reaching a decision or resolution.
- Being reliable: Keeping our promises is one of the easiest ways to show that we respect someone and that we mean what we say.
- Obeying the law: Follow the rules, as they are often in place to protect us. If there is disagreement with a rule, discuss it as a group to create a greater understanding of the reason for the rule.
- Showing consideration: Show concern for the welfare of people, animals, and the environment. Help someone out without them even having to ask.
- Embracing differences: Understand that other people’s values, beliefs, and practices are just as important as our own.

Respect helps us build positive relationships, succeed in school and in life, and understand that we are all connected.

What Does “Respect” Mean to You?



## Monthly Newsletter for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

# RESPECT

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 **RESPECT**.

What does respect mean to you?

### Your child can show respect by:

- being kind to other family members
- using polite language
- talking and spending time with relatives and/or other family members
- listening when someone else is talking

### Questions to discuss with your child:

- What does it mean to be respectful?
- What are some different ways in which you can show respect: a) for yourself, b) for others, c) for nature and the environment?
- How can we speak to others with respect? Can you give some examples?
- How can we show respect for our belongings and the belongings of others?

### Projects to do together:

- Watch a television show or movie together, and talk about the various ways in which the characters acted respectfully or disrespectfully toward one another. Watch for put-downs, insults, and subtle forms of bullying.
- Interview a grandparent or other relative, and take the time to get to know him or her better.
- Plan how the family can do more recycling or reduce wastefulness. Organize a family project around this.

### Encouraging respect in your child:

- Praise and encourage your child when he or she is being respectful.
- Speak to your child with respect, and answer his or her questions in a polite manner. Expect the same behaviour from your child.
- Share an example of how someone was respectful toward you, and how this made you feel.
- Encourage respectful manners and speaking politely to others in the community.

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

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# Involving Parents/Guardians/Caregivers in Character Development

## Respect

