

# BUILD CHARACTER BUILD SUCCESS

Respect Responsibility Empathy

Kindness & Caring Teamwork Fairness

Honesty Co-operation Integrity Perseverance

## Attribute: **Teamwork**

Dictionary Definitions	
Merriam-Webster Children's Dictionary	team-work \ˈtēm-,wərk\ <i>n</i> the work of a group of persons acting together <Cleaning up the neighborhood will require teamwork.>
Collins Gage Canadian School (Junior) Dictionary Grades 4 to 6	team-work <i>n</i> working together: <i>Teamwork makes hard jobs easier.</i>
Collins Gage Canadian Intermediate Dictionary Grades 6 to 9	team-work (tēm'wərk') <i>n</i> the combined action of a group of people, especially when effective and efficient.
Nelson Canadian Dictionary of the English Language	team-work (tēm 'work') <i>n</i> . Co-operative effort by the members of a group or team to achieve a common goal.

### What is teamwork?

- Using the skills and strengths of all members
- Working toward a common goal
- Taking a small part in a large job
- Working together

### Quotations

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” (Helen Adams Keller)

“If you have an apple, and I have an apple, and we exchange apples, then you and I will still each have one apple. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas.” (George Bernard Shaw)

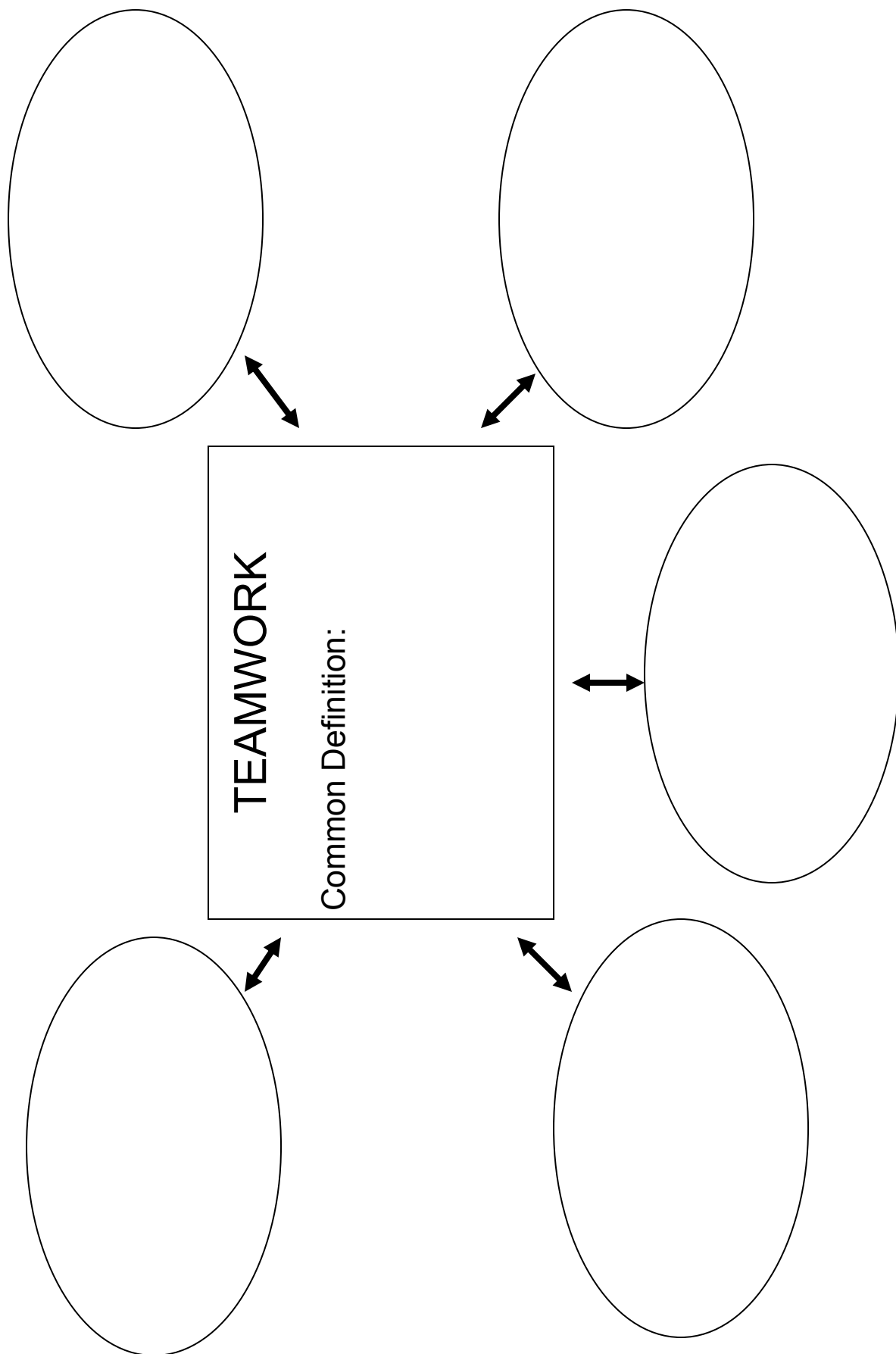
“Help your brother’s boat across, and your own will reach the shore.” (Hindu Proverb)

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” (Archbishop Desmond Tutu)

### **What does teamwork look like/sound like?**

- Agreeing on a common goal
- Having each member make use of his or her strengths while working equally toward a common goal
- Supporting each other in completing tasks and overcoming obstacles
- Learning from, and sharing with, each other
- Sharing feelings and taking responsibility for your own actions
- Sharing thoughts and opinions freely and being open to the thoughts and opinions of team members
- Not letting personality differences get in the way of the task
- Apologizing when necessary and accepting an apology when necessary
- Celebrating the successes of others
- Spending some time thinking about what is working in the group and what needs to change to make the group more successful
- Learning to work with many different personality types

What Does “Teamwork” Mean to You?



# Monthly Newsletter for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

## TEAMWORK

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 **TEAMWORK**.

What does teamwork mean to you?

### Your child can show teamwork by:

- helping to complete a household chore with other members of the family
- working with peers in a group to complete school assignments
- participating in a sport and working as part of a team to be successful
- taking responsibility in household chores for the benefit of the family

### Questions to discuss with your child:

- What does it mean to be a team player at home and to be an integral part of the family?
- How do you deal appropriately with conflict when it occurs during teamwork?
- What are some of the ways to resolve some of the arguments that occur at home?
- Sometimes a teammate may have to make a sacrifice so that the team can succeed. What does this mean?

### Projects to do together:

- Play games as a family to develop teamwork and good sportsmanship.
- Participate in sports or leisure activities together and encourage communication including active listening.

### Encouraging teamwork in your child:

- Stress the importance of teamwork and the aspects of being a team player that make being on a team worthwhile.
- Stress the importance of willing to work and play with others at school, in the home, and in the community.
- Share a story that will help your child understand that sometimes “fair” does not mean “equal.”

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

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# Involving Parents/Guardians/Caregivers in Character Development

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